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THE ROYAL CHARTER OF CONFIRMATION

Granted by
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King JAMES II.

TO THE
TRINITY-HOUSE
OF
DEPTFORD-STROND;

For the Government and Encrease of the Navigation of England, *and the Relief of poor Mariners, their Widdows and Orphans*, &c.

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JAMES the Second, By the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France,* and *Ireland, King,* Defender of the Faith, &c, To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, Greeting. Whereas our well beloved Leiges and Subjects, *Shipmen* and *Mariners,* of this our Realm of *England,* conſiſting

Foundation of this Charter.

ſting of *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the Guild or Fraternity of the moſt glorious and undividable *Trinity*, and of St. *Clement* in the Pariſh Church of *Deptford Strond* in our County of *Kent*, are, and have been of long time, a *Corporation*, and have enjoyed ſundry Grants, Liberties, Priviledges, and Immunities, by force of divers Charters, and Letters Patents, heretofore made unto them by ſeveral *Kings* and *Queens* of this Realm. And Whereas the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, have humbly beſought Us to Renew and Confirm their ſaid Charters, and to Grant unto them ſuch further Authorities and Priviledges, as well for the good government and increaſe of the *Navigation* of this *Kingdom*, as for the better ordering and eſtabliſhing of the ſaid *Corporation*, and the releif of the *poor Mariners*, their *Widdows* and *Orphans*, as We in our Princely care ſhould think meet.

Former Charters.

The Ends thereof.

Know ye therefore, that We taking the

the premiſſes into our Royal conſideration, and well weighing how highly it imports the good ſtate, and welfare of this our *Realm*, and of our good Subjects thereof, and the encreaſe of *Navigation*, that all diſorders in the ſaid *Corporation* ſhould be redreſſed; And out of an earneſt deſire, that ſuch good and decent orders may be eſtabliſhed and practiſed in the ſaid *Corporation*, as may moſt tend to thoſe ends for which the ſaid *Corporation* was firſt inſtituted, and to the promoting of the general good; Have of our Eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledg, and meer Motion, *Given, Granted*, and *Confirmed*, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do Give, Grant, and Confirm unto our ſaid truſty and well beloved Subjects, the *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid *Guild* or *Fraternity* of the moſt glorious and undividable *Trinity*, and of St. *Clement* in the Pariſh Church of *Deptford Strond* in the ſaid County of *Kent*; That they, from henceforth be, and ſhall be called and accompted

The Corporation confirmed.

ted one *body Corporate* and *Politick* indeed and in name, by the name of the *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants* of the Guild Fraternity or Brotherhood of the moſt glorious and undividable *Trinity*, and of St. *Clement* in the Pariſh of *Deptford Strond* in the County of *Kent.*

Their Name. And them by the ſame name of the *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants* of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood of the moſt glorious and undivided *Trinity,* and of St. *Clement* in the Pariſh of *Deptford Strond* in the County of *Kent*, We, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do erect, make, ordain, conſtitute, declare, and confirm by theſe Preſents one body *Corporate* and *Politick* indeed and in name.

And that by the ſaid name of *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants* of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood of the moſt glorious and undivided *Trinity,* and of St. *Clement* in the Pariſh of *Deptford Strond* in the County of *Kent,* they ſhall from henceforth have perpetual Succeſſion, and

Their Succeſſion perpetual.

and that they, and their Succeſſors, by the ſame name, be, and ſhall be, at all times hereafter, a body Corporate and Politick, and Perſons able, and capable, in Deed and in Law, not only to have, hold, occupy, poſſeſs, enjoy, and retain all and ſingular the Uſuages, Cuſtoms, Liberties, Priviledges, Juriſdictions, Franchiſes, Preheminences, Benefits, and Commodities whatſoever, which they or their Predeceſſors, by the ſame, or any other name or names of like Corporation, have heretofore had and enjoyed, or at this preſent do hold and enjoy: But alſo to have, hold, occupy, purchaſe, receive, poſſeſs, enjoy, and retain any other Liberties, Priviledges, Juriſdictions, Franchiſes, Preheminences, Benefits, and Commodities, of what kind, nature, or quality ſoever they ſhall be, to them and their Succeſſors for ever.

Old Rights continued.

New allowed.

And alſo by the ſame name to have hold, purchaſe, receive, take, poſſeſs, and enjoy; And alſo to give, grant, demiſe, alien,

To hold Lands, &c.

lien, aſſign, and diſpoſe Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and Goods, and Chattels, or any of them, and to do and execute all, and ſingular, other thing and things whatſoever.

To plead and be impleaded.

And that they and their Succeſſors by the ſame name may plead, and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended, in all or any whatſoever Court or Courts, Place or Places, Juriſdiction or Juriſdictions, and before whatſoever Judge, Judges, and Juſtices, and other Perſons and Officers, in all and ſingular Actions and Plaints, Pleas, Suits, Quarrels, Cauſes, and Demands whatſoever, of whatſoever kind, nature, quality, or ſort, in ſuch manner and form, and by all thoſe ways and means, and to ſuch end and purpoſe, as any other our Leige people of this our Realm of *England*, being perſons able and capable in Deed or Law, may or can have, hold, purchaſe, receive, poſſeſs, enjoy, retain, give, grant, demiſe, alien, aſſign, and diſpoſe, plead and be impleaded, an-

anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended, or do permit and execute.

And that the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* and their Succeſſors, or the greater part of them (whereof the ſaid *Maſter* for the time being to be always one) may make or cauſe to be made, and have for themſelves a *Common Seal*, to ſerve for all the Cauſes, Buſineſs, and Occaſions of them and their Succeſſors in that Corporation: And that it ſhall, and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid *Maſters, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, the ſame *Seal* to break again, and from time to time, at their will and pleaſure, to alter, change, and make new, when and as often as to them, or the greater part of them (whereof the *Maſter*, or the *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) ſhall ſeem convenient. *To have, break, and alter their common Seal.*

And further We will, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do Ordain, That there ſhall be from henceforth *To have a Maſter.*

forth for ever, *One* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to be elected and appointed, in ſuch form, as hereafter in theſe preſents touching the ſame is expreſſed, which ſhall be called the *Maſter* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for the time being.

Four Wardens. And that there ſhall be alſo from henceforth for ever, *Four* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (to be elected and appointed, in ſuch form as hereafter in theſe preſents touching the ſame is likewiſe expreſſed) which ſhall be called the *Wardens* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for the time Being.

Eight Aſſiſtants. And alſo that there ſhall be from henceforth for ever, *Eight* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (to be elected and appointed in ſuch form, as hereafter in theſe preſents touching the ſame is alſo expreſſed) which ſhall be called the *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being.

And

And alſo there ſhall be from hence-forth for ever, *Eighteen* (beſides the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants* for the time being) who are and ſhall be alſo *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (to be elected and appointed in ſuch manner as hereafter in theſe Preſents touching the ſame is alſo expreſſed) which ſhall be called the *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being. *Eighteen Elder Brethren.*

And alſo that there ſhall be from henceforth for ever, *one Perſon,* who ſhall be called the *Clerk* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood. *And a Clerk.*

And for the better execution and accompliſhment of this our Will and Grant in that behalf, We have Aſſigned, nominated, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do aſſign, nominate, conſtitute, and make our truſty and well beloved *Samuel Pepys* Eſquire, *Secretary* of our *Admiralty* *Their firſt Maſter.*

miralty of *England*, to be the *firſt* and preſent *Maſter* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to continue in the ſaid Office by himſelf or his ſufficient *Deputy*, (the ſaid *Deputy* to be always Elected, Choſen, and Sworn by the *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the more part of them, by themſelves or their ſaid *Deputies* as aforeſaid, whereof the *Wardens*, or *Wardens Deputy* to be alwayes ſome, in manner and form, as hereafter in theſe preſents, touching the ſame ſhall be limited and appointed) from henceforth until the Morrow after *Trinity Sunday*, commonly called *Trinity Munday*, now next coming; and ſo from thence forward in default of a new Election or Choice then to be made of another *Maſter*, until himſelf or ſome other of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, ſhall in due manner, according to the intent and true meaning of theſe Preſents, be Choſen and Sworn unto the ſaid Office or Place of *Maſter*, according to the Ordi-

His Deputy and how choſen.

Determination of his Office.

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nances and Proviſions hereafter in theſe preſents touching the ſame expreſſed and declared, if the ſaid *Samuel Pepys* ſhall ſo long live.

And alſo We have aſſigned, nominated, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do aſſign, nominate, conſtitute, and make Captain *John Nichols*, Captain *Henry Mudd*, Captain *Nicholas Kerrington*, and Captain *William Green*, to be the *four Firſt* and preſent *Wardens* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to continue in the ſaid Office or Place of *Wardens* of the ſame Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, by themſelves or their ſufficient *Deputies* (the ſame *Deputies* to be Elected, Choſen, and Sworn, by the *Maſter*, *Aſſiſtants*, and the reſt of the *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the more part of them, by themſelves or their ſaid *Deputies*, as aforeſaid, whereof the ſaid *Maſter*, or *Maſters Deputy* as aforeſaid, for the time being, to be always

The four firſt Wardens.

Their Deputies and how choſen.

always one, in manner and form alſo, as hereafter in theſe preſents, touching the ſame, ſhall be likewiſe limited and appointed) from henceforth alſo until the ſaid Morrow after *Trinity Sunday*, commonly called *Trinity Munday*, now next enſuing; and ſo from thence forward in default of a new Election or Choice then to be made of other *Wardens*, until themſelves or ſome other of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood ſhall in due manner, according to the intent and true meaning of theſe preſents be Choſen and Sworn unto the ſaid Office or Place of *Warden*, according to the Ordinances and Proviſions hereafter in theſe preſents likewiſe touching the ſame alſo expreſſed and declared, if they the ſaid *Wardens* ſhall ſo long live.

Determination of their Offices.

The eight firſt Aſſiſtants.

And further, We have aſſigned, nominated, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do aſſign, nominate, conſtitute, and make, our right truſty and right intirely be-

beloved Couſin *Henry* Duke of *Grafton*, and our right truſty and right well beloved Couſin and Counſellor *William* Earl of *Craven*, and our right truſty and right well beloved Couſin *George* Earl of *Berkley*, and our right truſty and well beloved Counſellor *George* Lord *Dartmouth*, our truſty and well beloved Sir *Thomas Allen*, Kt. and Bar. Captain *Symon Nichols*, Captain *Iſaac Woodgreen*, and Captain *Thomas Brown*, to be the *eight Firſt* and preſent *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to continue in the ſaid Office or Place of *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, by themſelves or their ſufficient *Deputies* (the ſame Deputies to be alwayes Choſen, Elected, and Sworn, by the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and the reſt of the *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, or the moſt part of them, by themſelves or their ſaid *Deputies* as aforeſaid, whereof the *Maſter*, or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one, in manner and form alſo as hereafter in theſe preſents

Their Deputies and how choſen.

ſents touching the ſame, ſhall be likewiſe limited and appointed) from henceforth, for and during the Term of their natural lives, according to the Ordinances and Proviſions hereafter in theſe preſents, touching the ſame, likewiſe expreſſed and declared.

Their Office for Life.

The eighteen firſt Elder Brethren.

And We have alſo aſſigned, nominated, conſtituted, & made, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors do aſſign, nominate, conſtitute, and make, our truſty and well beloved Subjects Sir *Richard Haddock*, Sir *John Berry*, Sir *John Narbrough*, Sir *Matthew Andrews*, Sr *Anthony Dean*, Knights, Captain *Henry Sheer*, Captain *Hugh Till*, Captain *Samuel Chamblet*, Captain *Thomas Collier*, Captain *Anthony Young*, Captain *John Hill*, Captain *Francis Wilſhaw*, Captain *Robert Fiſher*, Captain *James Bonnel*, Captain *Ralph Sanderſon*, Captain *Thomas Wilſhaw*, Captain *Samuel Rutter*, and Captain *Richard Goodlad*, to be the *firſt* and and preſent *eighteen Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, to continue in the ſaid Office or Place of *Elder*

Elder Brethren from henceforth, for and during the term of their natural lives, according to the Ordinances and Provisions hereafter in these presents likewise expressed and declared. *Their Office for Life.*

And we have assigned, named, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do assign, name, constitute, and appoint, our trusty and well beloved *Samuel Hunter*, Gentleman, to be the *Clerk* to the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood aforesaid, to execute the said Office by himself or his sufficient *Deputy* or *Deputies*; which said *Deputy* or *Deputies* to be first approved of by the *Master, Wardens, Assistants*, and *Elder Brethren* of the said Fraternity, or Brotherhood, aforesaid, for the time being, or the Major part of them. *Their Clerk.* *His Deputy and how to be chosen.*

And our further will and pleasure is, and we do hereby declare and grant, that all the rest of the *Seamen* and *Mariners*, of, and belonging to the said Guild, Fra- *Who are younger Brothers.*

ternity, or Brotherhood, and their Succeſſors in the ſaid Corporation, ſhall be called and accompted *Younger Brothers.*

Out of which ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants,* and eighteen (being all in number *one and thirty* perſons) *Elder Brothers,* ſhall, and may be choſen, from henceforth yearly for ever, on the Morrow after *Trinity Sunday,* or in any other time of the year, and in ſuch convenient place, as for the commodity of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, it ſhall be thought fit and convenient, by a conſent of moſt Voices of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (as well of *Elder* as *Younger Brothers*) one *Maſter,* in the ſtead and place of ſuch *Maſter* as ſhall be then wanting by death, diſplacing, abſence, or ſerving forth of his time, in ſuch ſort, manner, and form as hereafter in theſe preſents touching the ſame ſhall be declared and ſet forth; That is to ſay, the ſaid perſon, ſo to be elected and nominated to the Office or Place

Time, Manner, and Place, of chooſing their Maſter.

Place of *Maſter*, ſhall be *Maſter* of the ſaid Guild or Brotherhood, from the time of the ſaid new Election and Choice untill the Morrow after the ſaid *Trinity Sunday*, commonly called *Trinity Munday*, then next following, and ſo from thence forward until the next new Election and Choice of another *Maſter*, as is aforeſaid.

And yet nevertheleſs, the ſame perſon being ſo elected and nominated to be *Maſter* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as is aforeſaid, before he or they be admitted to the Execution of the ſaid Office or Place, ſhall make, take, and receive upon the holy Evangeliſts, a Corporal *Oath*, before or in the preſence of the ſaid *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and *eighteen* perſons of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, or the more part of them, *That he, from time to time, during his Maſterſhip ſhall well and truly execute and perform the ſaid Office or Place of Maſter in all things concerning the ſame*, and alſo touch- *The Maſters Oaths.*

ing the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, according to the *Statutes* in that Caſe made and provided; and that immediately after the ſaid *Oaths* ſo taken, he ſhall and may execute and uſe the ſaid Office and Place of *Maſter* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for one whole year, from thence next and immediately following, or untill the ſaid *Trinity Munday* then next following, and ſo forward unto the time of the next new Election and Choice of another *Maſter*.

Duration of the Maſters Office.

And moreover, Our will and pleaſure is, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*; and to their Succeſſors, that when, and as often as it ſhall happen, the *Maſter* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, to die, or to have ſerved forth his time, or to be diſplaced, or removed from his ſaid Office or Place of *Maſter* (which *Maſter* not demeaning himſelf well in his ſaid Office

Office or Place of *Maſter*, We will, ſhall be from time to time removable at the will and pleaſure of the ſaid *Wardens Aſſiſtants*, or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, or the greater part of them, whereof two of the ſaid *Wardens*, or two of the ſaid *Wardens Deputies*, for the time being, to be always ſome, together with the reſidue of the *Elder Brothers* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater part of them) that then, and ſo often, it may and ſhall be lawful to and for the ſaid *Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* (whereof two of the ſaid *Wardens* or two of the *Wardens Deputies* for the time being to be always ſome) together with the ſaid reſidue of the *Elder Brethren* of the ſame Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or by the more or greater voice of them all, at their will and pleaſure, to diſplace, and remove him from the ſaid Office or Place of being *Maſter*, and immediately upon the ſame to proceed to their new Election

The Maſter removable and how.

And another to be choſen in his room.

and Choice, either of him or ſome other into the ſaid Office, or Place of being *Maſter*, in ſuch ſort, manner, and form, as before in theſe preſents touching the ſame is limited and appointed.

The Maſters fine for refuſing or neglecting to ſerve.

And if any Perſon, elected and appointed to be *Maſter* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as aforeſaid, ſhall *refuſe* the ſaid Office or Place, or ſhall after he hath agreed thereto *neglect* the ſame, he ſhall forfeit and loſe for every ſuch default *twenty pounds* of lawful mony of *England*, in the name of a *Fine* to be impoſed upon him ſo neglecting, to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation; And if the ſaid *twenty pounds* ſo impoſed, ſhall be denied to be paid, or be not paid within *one month* (accounting eight and twenty dayes to the Month) next after requeſt thereof made by one of the ſaid *Wardens* or his *Deputy* for the time being, then the ſame ſhall, and may be levied, either by *diſtreſs* of the goods and Chattels of ſuch perſons ſo aſſeſſed and refuſing

And how to be raiſed.

ſing or neglecting, to be taken by one of the ſaid *Wardens*, or his *Deputy* for the time being; which *diſtreſs* ſhall be ordered as *diſtreſſes* taken for Amerciaments in Leets, or otherwiſe to be ſued for, by, and in the name of any four of the *Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or their *Deputies* for the time being, in any Court of Record, or Lords Court, by action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Eſſoin, Protection, or Wager of Law ſhall be allowed to the Defendant; and this to be done from time to time, when and as often as the caſe ſhall require.

And alſo our Will and Pleaſure is, and for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do further give and grant, unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, that when, and as often as it ſhall fortune the *Maſters Deputy* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being to die, or to have ſerved forth his time, or be diſplaced or removed

Maſters Deputy removeable, and how.

ed from his Office or Place of *Maſters Deputy*, (which *Maſters Deputy*, not demeaning himſelf alſo well in his ſaid Office or Place, We will to be removable at the will and pleaſure of the ſaid *Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their Deputies, together with the major part of the Reſidue of the ſaid *Elder Brethren* for the time being whereof two of the ſaid *Wardens*, or two of the *Wardens Deputies* for the time being to be alwayes ſome) That then and ſo often it ſhall, and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants* for the time being, or their ſaid *Deputies*, or the greater part of them, together with the Major part of the reſidue of the ſaid *Elder Brethren* (whereof two of the ſaid *Wardens*, or two of the *Wardens Deputies* to be always ſome) within Convenient time after the Death, diſplacing, or Removing of any ſuch *Maſter*, or *Maſters Deputie* as aforeſaid, to Aſſemble themſelves together, at or in ſuch

And another to be choſen in his Room.

ſuch Convenient place as is aforeſaid, for the New Election of ſome one of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (being an *Elder Brother*) for *Maſters Deputy*, and ſhall and may then and there, before their Departure from the ſaid place, Elect and Nominate either him again ſo to be diſplaced or Removed, or ſome other of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother*) to be *Maſters Deputy* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the place and ſtead of him that ſo ſhall Die, or be diſplaced, or removed; which perſon being ſo Nominated, and Elected into the Office and Place of *Maſters Deputy* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, ſhall and may have, and exerciſe the ſame Office and Place in the abſence of the ſaid *Maſter*, for and during the reſidue of the ſaid Year, and ſo forwards, until a New Election or Choice of another *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* ſhall be made, according to the purport and true meaning of theſe preſents; He and they

Duration of the Office of Maſters Deputy.

Oath for the Maſters Deputy. they taking firſt ſuch Corporal *Oath* as is aforeſaid, for the *due Execution* and *performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as aforeſaid,

Maſters Deputy's fine for refuſing or neglecting to ſerve. And if any perſon, appointed and Elected to be *Maſters Deputy* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforeſaid, ſhall *refuſe* the ſaid Office or Place without Juſt Excuſe or Cauſe of Let, or ſhall after he hath agreed thereunto *Neglect* the ſame, he ſhall forfeit and loſe for every ſuch Default *Ten pounds* of Lawful Money of England, in the name of a *Fine* to be impoſed upon him, ſo refuſing or Neglecting, to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation, to be demanded and levied within ſuch time, *And how to be raiſed.* and in ſuch manner, as the ſaid fine of Twenty pounds hereby impoſed upon any *Maſters* refuſing his Office is hereby directed to be demanded and Levied, and ſo from time to time, when, and as often as the Caſe ſhould ſo require.

And

And alſo our Will and pleaſure is, and by theſe preſents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and to their Succeſſors, that the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies*, together with the Major Part of the reſt of the ſaid *Elder Brethren* as aforeſaid; (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) ſhall and may from henceforth forever hereafter forth of That Number of *One and Thirty Perſons* (being *Elder Brothers*) Elect and Chooſe yearly on the ſaid Morrow after *Trinity Sunday*, or in any other time of the Year, when for the Commodity of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, it ſhall be thought fit and Convenient, by a General Conſent of moſt Voices of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (as well of *Elder* as *Younger Brothers*) *Four Wardens*, or ſo many of them as ſhall be

The Choice of the Wardens.

be then wanting by Death, diſplacing, abſence, or ſerving forth of his or their time, in ſuch ſort, manner, and form, as hereafter in theſe preſents touching the ſame ſhall be declared and ſet forth.

The diſtinction of Lower and Upper Wardens.

That is to ſay, the *Two Younger* or *Nether Wardens*, or one *Younger* or *Nether Warden* ſo to be nominated and Elected into the ſaid Office or Place of *Warden* or *Wardens*, ſhall be *Wardens* or *Warden* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, from the time of the ſaid new Election or Choice, for *Two whole years* next and immediately following, or until there ſhall be as aforeſaid ſome new or further Election or Choice either of themſelves or ſome Others to ſupply the place of *Wardens*; to be called and accompted in the *Firſt* year of their ſupplying or ſerving in that place, The two *Younger* or *Nether Wardens*; And the *Two Elder* or *Upper Wardens* ſo nominated and elected into the ſaid Office or Place of *VVardens*, ſhall be alſo *VVardens* of the ſaid Guild, Frater-

Fraternity, or Brotherhood, from the time of the ſaid new Election, or Choice, until the Morrow after the ſaid *Trinity Sunday* then next following, and ſo from thence forwards until the next new Election or Choice of other *Wardens*, and thoſe to be called and accompted in the *Second* year of their ſupplying or ſerving in that place, the Two *Elder* or *Upper VVardens*; and this Courſe to be always holden and kept in the Choice and Degree of the *VVardens*.

Wardens Oaths.

And yet Nevertheleſs the ſaid perſon or perſons being ſo nominated and Elected to the Place or Office of *Warden* or *VVardens* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforeſaid, when he or they ſhall be thereunto Elected, before he or they be admitted to the Execution of his or their ſaid Office or Place, ſhall make, take, and receive a like Corporal *Oath* upon the Holy Evangeliſts before the ſaid *Maſter* and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſame Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the

greater

greater part of them or their *Deputies*, and the reſt of the *Elder Brethren* as aforeſaid (whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy*, for the time being, to be always one) *That he, they, and every of them, ſhall and will well and faithfully Execute and perform their ſaid Offices and Places of Warden or Wardens in all things concerning the ſame*, and alſo Touching the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as aforeſaid; And that immediately after the ſaid *Oaths* ſo taken, he or they ſhall and may Execute and Uſe the ſaid Offices or Places of *Warden* or *Wardens* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for *Two* whole years from thence next and immediately following, or unto the time of the next New Election and Choice of other *Wardens* or *Warden*, according to the Purport and true meaning of theſe Preſents, as is aforeſaid.

Duration of the Wardens Office.

Wardens Deputy. And Further, We will by theſe Preſents, that the ſaid *Warden* or *Wardens* ſo as aforeſaid

foreſaid, from time to time to be elected, nominated, and ſworn, during the time that he, or they, or any of them, ſhall continue in his or their ſaid Offices or Places of Wardenſhip, be, from time to time to the beſt of their abilities and skill, Aiding, Counſelling, and Aſſiſting unto the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, in all cauſes, matters, and things touching or concerning the good and welfare of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood.

Wardens removable and how,

And alſo our Will and pleaſure is, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *VVardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, that when, and as often as it ſhall fortune, all or any of the ſaid *VVardens*, within the ſaid *two* years next after that they, or any of them ſhall be nominated, elected, and Sworn into the Office or Place of *VVarden* or *VVardens* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood,

hood as aforeſaid, to die, or be diſplaced, or removed from the ſaid Office or Place of *VVardenſhip* (which *VVarden* or *VVardens* not demeaning him or themſelves well in his or their ſaid Offices or Places, We will to be removeable at the will and pleaſure of the *Maſter* and reſidue of the *VVardens* and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one, together with the reſidue of the ſaid *Elder Brothers*, and by the more or greater voice of them all) That then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful alſo to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, and reſidue of the *VVardens* and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their ſaid *Deputies* (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) together with the reſidue of the ſaid *Elder Brothers*, and by the more or greater Voice of them

And others to be choſen in their rooms, and lieu.

them all, within convenient time after the death, displacing, or removing of any of the said *VVardens*, to assemble themselves together, at or in such convenient place as aforesaid, for the new Election or Choice either of him or them so displaced or removed, or of some other of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, being *Elder Brothers*, for new or other *VVardens* or *VVarden* as is aforesaid, and shall and may then and there, before their departure from the said place, nominate and elect him or them again so removed and put out, or some other of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (being *Elder Brothers*) to be *VVardens* or *VVarden* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the places or steads, place or stead of him or them that so died or were, or was so dead, displaced, removed, or put out.

New Election o Wardens.

Which Person or Persons being so Elected and Nominated to the Office or Offices, Place or Places of *VVardens* or

New Wardens to act, how and how long.

den of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as is aforesaid, shall and may have and exercise the said Office and Offices, Place and Places of *VVardens* or *VVarden*, for and during the residue of the said *two* years, and so forward, and also unto the time of a new Election and Choice of the like *VVardens* or *VVarden* as aforesaid, according to the purport and true meaning of these presents; he or they taking first a like Corporal *Oath* upon the holy Evangelists, as is aforesaid, for such due *Execution* and *Performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors as aforesaid.

After Oaths first taken.

Wardens fine for refusing, or neglecting to act when chosen.

And if any Person, appointed and elected for a *VVarden* of the said Guild Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforesaid shall *refuse* the said Office or Place without just excuse or cause of let, or shall after he hath agreed thereto, *neglect* the same, he shall forfeit and lose for every such offence *six Pounds thirteen Shillings*

and four pence of lawful money of *England*, in the name of a *fine* to be impoſed upon him, ſo refuſing or neglecting, to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation; to be demanded and levied within ſuch time, and in ſuch manner as the *fine* ſo to be impoſed upon the *Maſter* is hereby directed to be demanded and levied.

And alſo Our will and pleaſure is, and by theſe preſents for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do further give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *VVardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, that when, and as often as it ſhall fortune, all or any of the *VVardens Deputies* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being to die, or to have ſerved forth his or their time, or to be diſplaced or removed from his or their Office or Place of *Wardens Deputies* or *Deputy* (which *Wardens Deputies* or *Deputy* not demeaning him or themſelves well in the ſaid Office or Place, We will to be removeable at the will and pleaſure of

Wardens Deputies.

removeable

the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, or the greater part of them by themſelves, or their *Deputies*, together with the Major part of the reſidue of the ſaid *Elder Brethren*, whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies*, and the major part of the reſidue of the ſaid *Elder Brethren* as aforeſaid (whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) within convenient time after the death, or removing of any ſuch *Wardens Deputies*, or *Deputy*, to aſſemble themſelves together at or in ſuch convenient place as is aforeſaid, for the new Election of ſome one or more of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother* or *Brethren*) for *Wardens Deputies* or *Deputy*, and ſhall and may then and there before their depar-

And others to be choſen.

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ture from the ſaid place, nominate and elect either him or them again ſo diſplaced or removed, or ſome other of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother* or *Brethren*) to be *Wardens Deputies* or *Deputy* of the ſame Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the place and ſtead, or places and ſteads of him or them that ſo died, or was ſo diſplaced, or removed: Which Perſon or Perſons being ſo nominated and elected unto the Office or Place of *Wardens Deputy* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, ſhall and may have, and exerciſe the ſame Office or Place, in abſence of the *VVardens* or *VVarden* there, into whoſe place or ſtead he or they ſhall be ſo Choſen, to ſerve for and during the reſidue of the ſaid two years, or one year, and ſo forward, unto the time of a new Election or Choice of other *VVardens* or *VVarden*, or other *Deputies*, according to the purport and true meaning of theſe preſents; he or they taking firſt ſuch Corporal *Oath* as is aforeſaid,

With power to act, how, and how long.

After Oaths taken.

for the due *Execution* and *Performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as aforeſaid.

Deputy Wardens fine for neglect.

And if any Perſon or Perſons, ſo to be appointed or elected to be a *Wardens Deputy*, or *Deputies* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforeſaid, ſhall *refuſe* the ſaid Office or Place without juſt Cauſe or Let ſo to do, or ſhall after he or they hath or have agreed to it *neglect* the ſame, he and they ſhall forfeit and loſe ſeverally for every ſuch Default *three Pounds, ſix Shillings, and Eight-Pence*, of lawful Money of *England*, in the name of a *fine* to be impoſed upon him or them ſeverally, ſo refuſing or neglecting, to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation, to be demanded and levied within ſuch time, and in ſuch manner, as the ſaid fine to be impoſed upon the *Maſter* is hereby directed to be demanded and levied; and ſo from time to time ſo often as the Caſe ſhall require.

And

And further, We will and grant by these presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, unto the said *Master, Wardens,* and *Assistants,* and to their Successors, that the said *Master, Wardens,* and residue of the *Assistants* for the time being, and their Successors, or the greater part of them, by themselves, or their *Deputies,* together with the major part of the residue of the *Elder Brethren* as aforesaid (whereof the *Master* for the time being, or his said *Deputy* to be always one) shall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter, upon the death, deposing, displacing, expulsion, or remove of them, or any of them, that are or shall be *Assistant* or *Assistants* there for the time being, at the like days, times, and places, when, and as often as it shall seem good to them so to do, have like authority and power, yearly and every year to assemble and meet together, and that they being so assembled and met, it shall and may be lawful to and for them, or the greater part of them, by themselves

New choice of Assistants upon deaths or displacings.

or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid (whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) to nominate and elect ſo many of that number of eight of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Elder Brothers*) as ſhall be then wanting by death, depoſing, diſplacing, expulſion, or remove as afore. ſaid, to the Office or Place of *Aſſiſtants* or *Aſſiſtant* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood; which perſon or perſons ſo to be nominated and elected ſhall be *Aſſiſtant* or *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for and during the term of their natural lives as aforeſaid.

Aſſiſtants to be ſworn.

And yet nevertheleſs, the ſaid perſons being ſo to be nominated and elected to be *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as aforeſaid, when he or they ſhall be thereunto voted and elected, before he or they be admitted to the execution of his or their ſaid Offices or Places, ſhall alſo make, take, and receive a

a like Corporal *Oath* upon the Evangeliſts before the *Maſter, Wardens*, and reſidue of the ſaid *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or their *Deputies* for the time being, or the greater part of them as aforeſaid, (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) *That he, they, and every of them, ſhall and will, well, and faithfully execute and perform their Offices and Places of Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants in all things concerning the ſame*, and alſo touching the ſaid *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as aforeſaid. *Aſſiſtants Oath.*

And that immediately after the ſaid *Oaths* ſo taken, he or they ſhall, and may execute, and uſe the ſaid Office or Place of *Aſſiſtant* or *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for term of his or their natural Lives, from thence next and immediately following, or unto the time of the next new Election or Choice of other *Aſſiſtant* or *Aſſiſtants*, ac- *Aſſiſtants Office for Life.*

according to the purport and true meaning of these presents, as is aforesaid.

Assistants Duty. And further We will by these presents that the said *Assistants* or *Assistant*, so as aforesaid, from time to time to be elected, voted, and sworn, during the time that he or they, or any of them shall continue in their said Offices and Places of *Assistantship*, be from time to time, to the best of their endeavours, and abilities, and skills, aiding, assisting, and counselling unto the *Master* and *Masters Deputy*, and *VVarden* and *VVardens Deputies* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, in all cases, matters, and things touching and concerning the good and welfare of the said Guild, Fraternity, and Brotherhood.

Assistants removable. And also Our will and pleasure is, and by these presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, We do give and grant unto the said *Master*, *VVardens*, and *Assistants* and to their Successors, that when, and a

as often as it ſhall happen, all or any of the *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, at any time or times next after that they or any of them ſhall be Voted, Elected and Sworn to the Office or Place of *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as is aforeſaid, to die, or to be diſplaced, or removed from the ſaid Office or Place (which *Aſſiſtant* or *Aſſiſtants* not demeaning him or themſelves well in the ſaid Offices or Places, We will to be removeable at the will and pleaſure of the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and reſidue of the *Aſſiſtants* and *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater part of them by themſelves or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and reſidue of the *Aſſiſtants* and *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for the time being, or the

the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) within convenient time after the death, diſplacing, or removing of any of the *Aſſiſtants* or *Aſſiſtant*, to aſſemble themſelves together at, or in ſuch convenient place as aforeſaid, for the new Election or Choice of ſome other Perſon or Perſons of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Elder Brothers*) for new or other *Aſſiſtants*, and ſhall or may then and there before their departure from the ſaid place, elect and nominate him or them ſo removed, diſplaced, or put forth, or ſome other of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Elder Brothers*) to be *Aſſiſtant* or *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in places or ſteads, place or ſtead of him or them that ſo died, or were, or was ſo diſplaced or removed: which perſon and perſons being ſo elected and nominated to the Office or Offices, or Place or Places of *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild,

And others to be choſen.

Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, ſhall and may have, and exerciſe the ſaid Office and Offices, Place and Places, for and during his or their natural Lives, or unto the time of a new Election and Choice as aforeſaid; he or they taking firſt alike Corporal *Oath* upon the holy Evangeliſts for ſuch due *execution* and *performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as is aforeſaid.

With power to act for Life.

After Oaths firſt taken.

And if any Perſon and Perſons, nominated and elected to be an *Aſſiſtant* or *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforeſaid, ſhall *refuſe* the ſaid Office or Place without juſt excuſe or cauſe of Let, or ſhall after he or they hath or have agreed thereto, *neglect* the ſame, he and they ſhall forfeit and looſe ſeverally for every ſuch default *five pounds* of lawful Money of *England*, in the name of a *fine* to be impoſed upon him or them ſeverally ſo *refuſing* or *neglecting*, to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation: to be de-

The Aſſiſtants fine, for refuſing or neglecting to act.

demanded and levied within ſuch time, and in ſuch manner, as the ſaid fine to be impoſed upon the ſaid *Maſter* is hereby directed to be demanded and levied.

Aſſiſtants Deputyes removable.

And alſo Our will and pleaſure is, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do further give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, That when, and as often as it ſhall fortune all or any of the *Aſſiſtants Deputies* of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for the time being to die, or be diſplaced or removed from his or their Office or Place of *Aſſiſtants Deputy* or *Deputies*, (which *Aſſiſtants Deputies* or *Deputy*, not demeaning him or themſelves well in his or their ſaid Office or Place of *Deputy Aſſiſtantſhip*, We will to be removeable at the will and pleaſure of the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood for the time being, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies*, together with the major part

part of the reſt of the *Elder Brethren*, whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy*, for the being to be always one) that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, (whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) within convenient time after the death, diſplacing, or removing, of any ſuch *Aſſiſtants Deputy* or *Deputies*, to aſſemble themſelves together, at or in ſuch convenient place as aforeſaid, for the new Election of ſome one or more of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood (being an *Elder Brother* or *Brethren*) for ſuch *Aſſiſtants Deputies* or *Deputy*, and ſhall and may, then, and there, before their departure from the ſaid place, nominate or elect either him or them again, ſo diſplaced, or removed, or ſome other of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being an *Elder Brother* or *Elder Brothers*) to be *Aſſiſtants Deputies* or *Deputy* of the ſaid

And others to be choſen.

ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the place and ſtead, or places and ſteads of him or them that ſo died, or was ſo diſplaced or removed; which perſon or Perſons ſo nominated and elected unto the Office or Place of *Aſſiſtants Deputy* or *Deputies* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, ſhall and may have and exerciſe the ſame Office or Place in abſence of the *Aſſiſtants* or *Aſſiſtant* there, into whoſe place, or ſtead he or they ſhall be ſo choſen to ſerve, for and during the the term of his or their Life or Lives, into whoſe place or ſtead he or they ſhall be Elected or Choſen, to ſupply his or their abſence, or unto the time of a new Election or Choice of other *Aſſiſtant* or *Aſſiſtants Deputies* or *Deputy* according to the purport and true meaning of theſe preſents; he or they firſt taking ſuch Corporal *Oath* as is aforeſaid, for the due *execution* and *performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as is aforeſaid.

With power to act for Life.

Upon Oath firſt taken.

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And if any Perſon or Perſons ſo appointed and elected to be an *Aſſiſtants Deputy* or *Deputies* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood as aforeſaid, ſhall *refuſe* the ſaid Office or Place, or ſhall after he or they hath or have agreed thereunto, *Neglect* the ſame, he or they ſhall forfeit and loſe for every ſuch default *Fifty Shillings*, of lawful Mony of *England*, in the Name of a *Fine* to be impoſed ſeverally upon him or them to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation, to be Demanded and Levied within ſuch time, and in ſuch manner, as the Fine to be upon the *Maſter*, is hereby directed to be demanded and Levied.

Aſſiſtants Deputies, their fine for refuſing or neglecting to act when choſen.

And our Will and pleaſure alſo is, and by theſe preſents for us our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *VVardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and to their Succeſſors, that when and as often as it ſhall happen, all or any of the Eighteen *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for

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the time being, at any time or times next after that they or any of them ſhall be nominated, Elected and Sworn to the Office or Place of *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as is aforeſaid, to Die, or to be diſplaced, or removed from the ſaid Office or Place (which *Elder Brother* or *Elder Brethren* not demeaning himſelf or themſelves well in the ſaid Office or Place, We will to be Removed at the Will and Pleaſure of the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and reſidue of the *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one;) that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful, to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and reſidue of the *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the time being, or the greater part of themſelves, or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid (whereof the *Maſter*, or *Maſters*

Removeable.

And others to be cho ſen.

Maſters Deputy for the time being to be always One) within convenient time after the Death, diſplacing, or removing of any of the *Elder Brethren*, to Aſſemble themſelves together, at or in ſuch Convenient place as aforeſaid, for the new Election or Choice of ſome other perſon or perſons of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Younger Brothers*) for New or other *Elder Brother* or *Brothers*; and ſhall and may then and there before their Departure from the ſaid Place Elect and Nominate him or them ſo removed, diſplaced, or put forth, or ſome other of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, (being *Younger Brother* or *Brothers*) to be *Elder Brother* or *Elder Brothers* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in the places or ſteads, place or ſtead of him or them that ſo died, or were, or was ſo diſplaced or removed.

Elder Brethren new elected to have power to act; how, and how long.

Which Perſon or Perſons being ſo Elected and Nominated to the Office or

Offices, or Place or Places, of *Elder Brother* or *Brethren* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, ſhall and may have and Exerciſe the ſaid Office and Offices, Place and Places, for and during his or their Natural Lives, unleſs removed as aforeſaid; and firſt taking a Corporal *Oath*, upon the Holy Evangeliſts, for ſuch due *Execution* and *Performance* thereof, and of the *Allegiance* and *Supremacy* of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors; and this to be done likewiſe from time to time, when and ſo often as the Caſe ſhall require.

After Oaths taken.

Power of appointing and diſplacing all inferiour Officers, &c.

And our further Will and Pleaſure is and we do hereby declare and grant, that it ſhall and may be Lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren*, and their Succeſſors or *Deputies* for the time being as aforeſaid, or the greater part of them (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy*, for the time being to be always one) from time to time, when and as often as occaſion

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thereunto ſhall require, or unto them in that behalf it ſhall ſeem expedient, likewiſe to name, place, and appoint any other *Inferiour Officers, Miniſters*, and *Members*, as ſhall be Convenient and Needful, in, to, for, and Concerning the ſaid Guild Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for the good Government thereof; and the ſame and Every or any of them again at all times, and from time to time at their like Will, and Pleaſure, to diſplace, remove, expel, or diſcharge, and him, and them, or others in his or their Place, Room, or ſtead ſo removed, expelled, diſplaced or diſcharged, to take in again, Place and Appoint anew, and in like manner to do and perform when they or any of them ſhall fortune to die or depart this Life before he or they be ſo removed, expelled, diſplaced or diſcharged.

Power of Electing and removing Younger Brothers; who and how.

And alſo we will, and Grant by theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants*,

ſtants and to their Succeſſors, That they the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors for the time being, by themſelves or their *Deputies*, or the Greater part of them, together with the Major part of the Reſidue of the ſaid *Elder Brethren* (whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) ſhall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter at their like will and pleaſure, admit receive, and take in whatſoever Perſon, and Perſons (our Natural Subjects) as well within this our Realm of *England*, and other our Realms and Dominions, and Places being under our Obeyſance, and not Others, which would be and ſhall be deſirous to be of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as *Brothers* of the ſaid Corporation. And all and every ſuch Perſon ſo to be admitted, received, and taken in by the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or the greater part of them, by themſelves, or their *Deputies*, together with the Major Part of the Reſidue of the ſaid

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Elder Brethren as aforesaid (whereof the *Master* or *Masters Deputy*, for the time being to be always One) shall from the time of such his or their Admission, receiving, and taking in, be called and accompted *Younger Brothers* in Deed and in Name, and them and Every, or any of them so admitted, received, and taken in, they may also again at their Wills and Pleasure, remove and displace, of and from the said Corporation, when and as often as to them, or the Greater Part of them in that behalf, shall seem Expedient.

Every Brother to have Power of taking Apprentices, who, and how.

And further we will and Grant by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, unto the said *Master Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and to their Successors, that from henceforth it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors, and *Every other Brother* of the said Corporation for the time being, not only to have, take

take and keep one or more *Apprentice* or *Apprentices* to be brought up in the Trade of *Mariners* or *Seafaring men*, every of the ſaid *Apprentice* or *Apprentices* to be to them bound for *Seven years* at the leaſt, and every *Apprentice* ſo taken (being above *Seven years of Age* at the time of his Entry into his *Apprenticeſhip*) ſhall be by the ſame Covenant Bound to be ordered and uſed to all Intents according to the Cuſtome of our City of *London*, ſo that the ſame *Bond* or Covenant of *Apprenticeſhip* be made by writing, Indented and *Enrolled* before themſelves in the ſaid Corporation, by ſome under Officer of theirs thereto to be appointed, and that there be not taken for every ſuch Enrolment above *Twelve pence*; But alſo for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, or the Greater part of them, by themſelves and their *Deputies*, and the Major Part of the reſt of the ſaid *Elder Brethren* as aforeſaid (Whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one)

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to make and ſet down Orders and pains for the *Maſters* and Governors of ſuch *Apprentice* and *Apprentices*, well Training and breeding them up in their *Trade* of *Navigation* and *Sailing*, and alſo for the ſaid *Apprentice* or *Apprentices* due behaving of themſelves, and their Obedience and diligence towards their ſaid *Maſter* and Governor, The *Statute* for taking, having, and Enrolling of *Apprentices*, or any other Statute, Law, Cuſtome, Uſage or Priviledge to the Contrary in any wiſe *notwithſtanding*.

To examine and certifie the Proficiencies of the Mathematical Children of Chriſt's Hoſpital and ſee them bound.

And further we do hereby for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors ſtrictly Charge and Command the *Maſter*, *Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants* of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood aforeſaid, now and for the time being, to examine into and certifie the Abilities and fitneſs of ſuch *Children* of the *New Royal Foundation* in *Chriſts Hoſpital*, who are or ſhall be admitted to and *initiated* in the practice of the Art of Navigation, and to be bound forth *Apprentices*

prentices, and to take care that the *Indentures* of *Apprenticeship* of such *Children* be executed by the respective *Masters* to whom they shall be bound, in the presence of the *Master*, *Wardens*, *Assistants*, and *Elder Brethren* of the said Guild or Fraternity, or the major part of them, at some publick meeting of the Corporation.

Power of Ministring Oaths in all Marine Causes, and other Occasions of the Corporation.

And for that it oftentimes falleth out, that for the avoiding of long depending of *Suits in Law* and great expences incident to the same, many *Marine* and *Admiral Causes* in controversie between party and party in the High *Court of Admiralty*, are referred by and forth of the said *Court* or by and from the *Judge* thereof, or his lawful *Surrogate* or *Deputy* in that behalf for the time being, to the *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or their said *Deputies* for the time being as aforesaid; to hear and determine the which the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their

their ſaid *Deputies* are not able many times to accompliſh, by reaſon that they have hitherto wanted a ſufficient power and authority in themſelves to *miniſter* an *Oath* unto the Witneſſes to be produced on either ſide. For the Reformation whereof, We of Our further Grace, do by theſe preſents will and grant for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, that they by themſelves or their *Deputies* aforeſaid (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) ſhall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter, when and as often as occaſion ſhall thereunto require, not only in the Caſe aforeſaid, *miniſter* an *Oath* to every perſon that ſhall be produced or uſed as a Witneſs, for the teſtifying and declaring the truth in any ſuch Caſe, but alſo at the Electing of every *Maſter, Warden, Aſſiſtant*, and their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, *miniſter* to every *Maſter Warden* and *Aſſiſtant*, and his or their *Deputy* and *Deputies*, and the ſaid

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Elder Brethren, the ſaid *Oath* of well order ing and governing of themſelves in their ſaid Offices and Places and to every *Younger Brother* and *Officer* of the ſaid Society, and to all and every *Apprentice* and *Apprentices* to be bound as aforeſaid, when he or they ſhall be made free, the *Oath* of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy*, and the uſual *Oath* to the *Corporation*.

Power of appointing all Pilots, and Loadſmen into and out of the River of Thames.

And for that many times unskilful and indiſcreet perſons not having knowledg or due underſtanding either of our *Channel*, or how to Guide and Govern Ships or other Veſſels aright, have taken upon them to be *Pilots*, *Loadſmen*, and *Guides* for the ſafe bringing up of *Strangers* Ships, Hoyes, Flyboats, Barks, or other Veſſels, into our *River* of *Thames*, and for want of ſuch knowledg and underſtanding have caſt away the ſaid Ships and other Veſſels, to the great annoyance and decay of our ſaid *Channels*, and loſs and hinderance both of our *Merchants* and others going ordinarily to Sea, and to the ſlander

ſlander and evil report of the more skilful and better ſort of our *Seamen* and *Mariners* amongſt Forraign Nations uſing the Traffick hither. For Reformation whereof, Our will and pleaſure is, and by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants*, and to their Succeſſors, and do ſtraitly charge and command that no manner of Perſon or Perſons, Seamen, or Mariners, or other Perſon whatſoever, at any time hereafter, ſhall take upon him or them, or otherwiſe preſume or ſuffer themſelves to be *Pilots*, *Loadſmen*, or *Guides*, to or for the bringing in or carrying forth of the River of *Thames*, or any other *Creek* belonging or running into the ſame, of any Ship or other Veſſel, by what name or names ſoever they ſhall be called, except ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo taking upon him or them ſuch *Pilotſhip*, *Loadſmanage*, or *Guidance*, ſhall be thereunto firſt appointed and authorized by the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*,

ſiſtants, or their *Deputies* for the time be. ing, or the greater part of them, toge. ther with the major part of the reſt of the ſaid *Elder Brethren* (whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy*, for the time be. ing, to be always one) under the *Common. Seal* of their Corporation, and confirmed under the Hand and Seal of the Lord High *Admiral* of *England* for the time being, without any Charge or Fee to the the *Secretary* of the *Admiralty* for the ſame.

To be confirmed by the Lord High Admiral.

To appoint Pilots to all Aliens Ships out of the River of Thames.

And moreover, that no ſuch Ship or other Veſſel (whereof any *Alien* or *Stranger*, not being born within or under Our obeyſance, ſhall be Owner or part Owner) ſhall go down, or out of the ſaid River of *Thames* to Seawards, without a *Pilot*, *Loadſman*, or *Guide* to them, in that behalf aſſigned and appointed in Writing by the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies*, together with the major part of the reſt of the

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Elder Brethren, whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy*, for the time being to be always one.

Power of rateing the Pilotage to all Aliens Ships.

And for the better Execution thereof, on the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their *Deputies* behalf as aforeſaid, ſuch *Pilots*, *Loadſmen*, and *Guides*, ſhall and may be appointed to every or any ſuch Ship or other Veſſel (whereof the ſaid *Alien* or *Stranger* is, or ſhall be Owner or part Owner) by the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren*, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, for ſuch competent Sum of Money, and reaſonable rate to be paid, yielded, and given, by the ſaid Alien, or Stranger, or his Deputy, unto the ſaid *Pilot*, *Loadſman*, or *Guide*, ſo to be appointed, and conducting them, according to the greatneſs or charge of every ſuch Ship or other Veſſel as ſhall be reaſonable, and ſo from time to time deemed by the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren*, and their Succeſſors, or the greater

ter part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* for the time being, whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one.

No Maſter or Pilot to take charge into or out of the Thames without being examined by this Corporation.

And alſo, that from henceforth no Seamen or Mariner, ſhall preſume to take upon him or them to be a *Maſter*, *Pilot*, *Loadſman*, or *Guide*, of or to any Ship or Veſſel whatſoever, to Sail, go, or put forth of the ſaid River of *Thames*, or any other *Creeks* thereof, *into* the *Seas*, or *from* the *Seas* homewards into the ſaid River of *Thames*, or any *Creek* thereof, other then ſuch as ſhall have been firſt examined by the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren*, or the major part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies*, whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being, to be always one, and from them ſhall have obtained a *Certificate* in Writing under the *Seal* of the ſaid Corporation, ſhewing and teſtifying thereby the *Countreys*, *Coaſts*, and *Places*, to and for which he, they, and every or any them

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of them ſhall be ſufficient, apt, and meet to take ſuch charge upon them; and after that alſo an *approbation* or allowance thereof, of and from the Lord High *Admiral* of *England* for the time being, as aforeſaid; upon pain to forfeit, for every ſuch time of his or their doing to the contrary therein, the Sum of *twenty Pounds* of lawful Money of *England*, to be levied of his or their Goods or Chattels by way of *Diſtreſs*, to be taken by one of the ſaid *Wardens*, or his *Deputy* for the time being. Which *Diſtreſs* ſhall be ordered and uſed in like manner, as of Amerciaments in Court Leets, or otherwiſe to be ſued for, by, and in the name of the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy*, and any two of the *Wardens* or *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, or his, or their *Deputies* for the time being, in any Court of Record, or Lords Court, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in which no Eſſoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law ſhall be allowed unto the Defendant.

Lord Admiral to approve of all Maſters, Pilots, and Loadſmen.

Twenty Pounds Fine upon all unlicenſed Maſters, Pilots, &c.

And further we of our more abundant and especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have given and granted, and by these Presents for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and Grant unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and to their Successors for ever, That they by their *Officer* or *Officers* thereto from time to time to be appointed, shall and may from time to time, and at all times hereafter, Levy, have, receive, and take within the said River of *Thames*, and *Port* of *London*, and in all or any the *Creeks*, *Harbors*, and *Places* within the Precincts, Limits, or Liberties thereof, all and singular such profits, dues, Duties, and Sum, and Sums of Mony whatsoever, which at any time or times heretofore, by themselves or their Predecessors, by any Name or Names of like Corporation, or by Virtue of and from any Charters and Letters Patents to them or any of them here-

A Grant of all ancient Profits, Dues, &c. from Loadsmanage, Pilotage and Primage.

heretofore given or granted, or by any lawful *usage, prescription,* or *custom,* they have received, had, or taken in the said River, Port, Harbours, Creeks, and Places, or any of them, in or by way of *Loadsmanage*, or *Pilotage*, and *Primage*; that is to say, of and from every *Master*, *Loadsman*, or *Pilot* of every Ship or other Vessel coming into the said River of *Thames*, *Port* of *London*, or *Creek*, or Harbour of the same, and receiving *Loadsmanage*, or *Pilotage*, and *Primage*, or which may or ought to receive the same; that is to say, by way of *Loadsmanage*, or *Pilotage*, of and for every *twenty Shillings Loadsmanage*, or *Pilotage two Shillings*, and of every *Ten Shillings one Shilling*, and of every *six Shillings eight Pence*, *eight Pence*, and so after that rate and proportion for greater or lesser Sums, in such sort as they have used and accustomed time out of mind of man to receive the same.

Loadsmanage and Pilotage, how much.

And likewise of and from the said

Maſter, Loadſman, or *Pylot,* by way of *Primage, two pence,* as out of every Mariner his Primage; That is to ſay, two Pence for every man which at any time hereafter ſhall ſerve as a *Mariner* in any ſuch Voyage, and ſhall return into the ſaid River of *Thames,* or *Port* of *London,* or *Creek,* or Harbour of the ſame, in ſuch manner and form as heretofore, by the like time out of mind of man hath been accuſtomed.

Primage, how much.

The Precedeing Duties, how to be recovered.

And if any Perſon or Perſons chargeable with payment of the ſaid *Loadſmanage,* or *Pilotage,* and *Primage,* or either, or any of them, ſhall deny, withhold, or keep back the ſame, contrary to the meaning of theſe our *Letters Patents* in that behalf; that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful, and by theſe Preſents, We for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do give full Power and Authority unto the ſaid *Maſter, VVardens,* and *Aſſiſtants,* and their *Deputies* and Succeſſors for ever, that they or any of them by their *Officer*

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or *Officers* thereunto to be appointed as aforeſaid, ſhall and may *Arreſt* and *Attach*, or cauſe the ſaid Party or Parties ſo offending, withholding, or denying, for his or their contempt in that behalf to be *arreſted* or *attached*, and commit him or them to Ward in the *Priſon* of our *Marſhalſea*, or in the ſafe Cuſtody and Charge of the *Marſhal* of the *Admiralty* for the time being; there to remain in reſtraint and ſafe keeping, until ſuch time as the ſaid Offender or Offenders have paid and ſatisfied, or elſe taken order by good and ſufficient *Surety*, for ſatisfaction of the Duty, which ſhall be ſo due or payable, by reaſon of this our preſent Grant. And if the Party or Parties which ſhould pay or anſwer any ſuch *Loadſmanage*, or *Pilotage*, and *Primage*, or either of them, do ſo abſent him or themſelves, or cannot be found, whereby he or they may be Arreſted or Attached as aforeſaid, that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful to and for one or more of the ſaid *Wardens*, or his or their *Deputies* for the time

being to arreſt, or ſtay, or cauſe to be put under arreſt and ſtay, the *Ship* or other Veſſel, wherein the ſaid *Maſter*, *Loadſman*, or *Pilot* went, or was imployed, until ſuch time as the ſaid Duties, and every of them ſhall be fully paid and ſatisfied, according to the purport and true meaning thereof. Or otherwiſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, by one or more of the ſaid *VWardens*, or his, or their *Deputys* for the time being, to *diſtrain* the Goods, and Chattels of the Party or Parties ſo offending, denying, or keeping back the aforeſaid Duties, whereſoever the ſaid Goods and Chattels, or any of them ſhall and may be found; and the ſame Diſtreſs or Diſtreſſes, ſo had, or taken, to their uſe to detain and keep, until they be fully ſatisfied of their Right and Duty, with the Charges of taking the ſame Diſtreſs, and keeping thereof, according to the purport and true meaning of theſe preſents.

And

And further our will and pleaſure is, and by theſe preſents of our eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, We do give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and to their Succeſſors, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren*, and their Succeſſors (provided that the *majority* at leaſt of the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or their *Deputies* for the time being, be always ſome) from time to time, and at all times hereafter, upon reaſonable warning thereof to be given, to Aſſemble themſelves for and about any the Matters, Cauſes, Affairs, or Buſineſs of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, in any place within the City of *London* or County of *Middleſex*, or in any other place or places for the ſame convenient; and then and there to hold and keep *Court* for the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and the affairs thereof, and the Perquiſites Iſſues and Profits of the ſaid

Power of holding Courts, how, where, and for what.

Their Profits how to be employ'd.

Court ſo to be holden and kept, to levy, take, and perceive, to and for the uſe of the ſaid Corporation, for the better maintainance and preſervation thereof, without any accompt to be made or rendred to Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, in that behalf.

Without Accompt.

And alſo that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter, VVardens, Aſſiſtants,* and *Elder Brethren,* or the more part of them, being ſo aſſembled, by themſelves or their *Deputies* (provided that the majority at leaſt of the *Maſter, VVardens,* and *Aſſiſtants,* or their *Deputies* for the time being, be always ſome) to treat, commune, and agree amongſt themſelves, or with any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, of and upon the Conſervation, good Eſtate, and wholſome Government, as well of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, as upon the like Conſervation, good Eſtate, wholeſome Government, Maintainance, and Encreaſe of the Navigation of this Our Realm, and of all *Mariners,* and

General ſubject of their debates, and Truſt.

Sea-

Sea faring men within the ſame, and of all and every the Apprentices, Servants, and their Maſters, and Governours, and other perſons, to the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood belonging, or coming, or being within our River of *Thames*, or any the Creeks, or Harbors of the ſame; and for the good Orders to be made amongſt them, or any of them, of and upon all and ſingular Articles, any manner of way touching or concerning the premiſſes or any part thereof; or the cunning, Knowledge, or Science of Seamen, and Pylots, for the better and more ſafe Guiding and Conducting of all manner of Ships and other Veſſels.

Power to make and alter Laws.

And at and upon the ſame their Aſſemblies, Meetings, or Conference, or any of them, to make, ordain, and conſtitute beſides, ſuch and ſo many reaſonable *Laws*, *Conſtitutions*, *Orders*, and *Ordinances*, as to them or the greater part of them, being then and there preſent (whereof the *Mater*, or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being,

to

to be always one) shall seem necessary and convenient touching the premisses, and for the better advancement and continuance of the same; and the same Laws, Constitutions, Orders, and Ordinances so made, or any of them, to put in *Ure* and *Execution* accordingly, and at their pleasures again to *revoke*, *alter*, or *change*, when, and as often as occasion thereto shall require.

Their Laws binding to all within the River of Thames.

And further, that whatsoever is, or shall be concluded and agreed upon, at any such Assembly or Meeting, the same shall be holden as Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes, amongst them to be put in Ure and Execution, and shall bind all the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and all other Seamen and Mariners of the said River of *Thames*, or of any other Place, Port, Haven, or Town, (as well the Subjects of this Realm, as *Strangers*) for the time of their being at or in the said River of *Thames*, or Creeks, or Harbours, of the same, to obey and observe the same.

So

So always, that the ſaid Laws, Ordinances, Statutes, or any of them be not contrary or repugnant to the *Laws*, *Statutes*, *Rights*, or *Cuſtomes*, of this Our *Realm* of *England*, or Derogatory to the Juriſdiction and Preheminence of the *Lord* High *Admiral* of *England* for the time being, or to the *Court* of *Admiralty* of *England*, or to the *Judge*, *Regiſter*, or *Marſhal* of that Court for the time being, or any of them. *Proviſo about their ſaid Laws.*

And whoſoever againſt the ſaid Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes, ſhall in any part *offend*, or ſhall *violate* or break any of them, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren*, or the greater part of them, their Succeſſors, and *Deputies* aforeſaid (whereof the ſaid *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* to be always one) in their diſcretions, according to the greatneſs and quality of the fault, to puniſh and correct; and the pains, penalties, amerciaments, and forfeitures, or any of them, in the ſaid *Infringers of their Laws to be puniſhed, and how.*

ſaid Laws, Ordinances, and Statutes, or any of them to be appointed and ſpecified, of the Offenders, and every of them to ask, levy, gather, and receive; and for the ſame, if need ſo be, the ſaid Offender and Offenders, as well by his and their Goods and Ships or either of them, as by his or their Bodies (as the Caſe ſhall require) according to the Laws and Cuſtoms of this our Realm of *England*, or our Court of *Admiralty*, to *Diſtrein* and *Arreſt*, and by their own Officer for that purpoſe to be appointed (if they ſhall ſo think it meet) to *Commit* to Ward, there to remain, until the ſame pains, amerciaments, and forfeitures, with the Charges of the Impriſonment be fully anſwered, ſatisfied, and paid, to the uſe and benefit of the ſaid Corporation; and alſo the ſame Parties, Offenders, and every of them to *Releaſe* and ſet Free again, as to the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren*, and *Deputies* aforeſaid, or the greater part of them for the time being, in that behalf ſhall ſeem expedient.

And

And that all and ſingular ſum and ſums of *Mony* whatſoever, due or hereafter to be due, and received by the ſaid *Decrees, Orders, Agreements, Fines, Forfeitures*, or otherwiſe, ſhall be to the uſe, Commodity, and profit of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood; unto and for the repairing of a *Certain Houſe*, or Tenement commonly called or known by the Name of *Trinity Houſe*; and of other *Tenements* and *Alms-houſes* ſcituate and being in *Deptford Strond* aforeſaid, and *Upper Deptford*, in the ſaid County of *Kent*, belonging to the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood; and for the finding of certain poor Perſons, *Brethren*, and the *Wives* of *Brethren*, of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, which are fallen into Decay, Miſery, Poverty and Need, or hereafter ſhall fortune to fall into Decay, Miſery, Poverty and Need; and alſo for relief of other *Poor Mariners* and *Sea-faring men*, ſuch as by them, and their Succeſſors ſhall be thought meet and neceſſary

Uſes of their Monies ariſing from Fines, Forfeitures, &c.

Repair of their Houſes, and Almſ-houſes.

Relief of poor Brothers, and their Widdows.

General Charities.

neceſſary therewith to be relieved; and for other *Publick uſes* of the ſaid Society.

To hold and diſpoſe of their Revenue without Account.

Which ſum and ſums of *Mony* ſo received, and to be received to the uſe of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, it ſhall and may be lawful to, and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, their Succeſſors and *Deputies*, to hold, poſſeſs, and enjoy, for ever, to the Uſe aforeſaid, without any *Accompt*, or other thing, therefore to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, to be yielded, paid, rendred, made, or done, in that behalf; and without any *Moleſtation* or trouble, through any invented Colour or Device by any Perſon or Perſons, either of the ſaid *Trinity Houſe* of *Deptford Strond*, or of any other Place or Places, to be practiſed, attempted, or put in Ure againſt the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, Succeſſors and *Deputies*, or any of them, by any means whatſoever for and Concerning the ſame.

All

All and ſingular which Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders, and Ordinances, as aforeſaid to be made, We will to be duely obſerved and kept, under the pains and penalties therein to be contained; ſo always, as the ſaid Laws, Conſtitutions, Orders, and Ordinances, Impriſonments, Fines and Amerciaments be *reaſonable*, and not contrary or repugnant to the *Laws*, *Statutes*, or *Cuſtomes* of this our Realm; nor Derogatory to the Juriſdiction or preheminence of the *Lord* High *Admiral* of *England* for the time being, or to the high *Court* of *Admiralty* of *England* for the time being, or to the *Judge*, *Regiſter*, or *Marſhal* of that Court for the time being, or any of them.

Their Laws, Fines, &c. To be binding, upon a Condition.

Provided always, that if any *Maſter*, *Warden*, *Aſſiſtant*, or *Elder Brother* ſhall upon any pretence whatſoever, except *ſickneſs* (whereof good proof by *Oath* is to be made) fail to give his *Attendance* at any of the *Courts* ſummoned, or other uſual meetings of the Corporation for

Six Months abſence (ſaving for ſickneſs) to be puniſhed by Diſmiſſion.

for the ſpace of *Six Months* together, he ſhall be diſplaced and diſmiſſed by the Corporation or Major part of them from being an *Elder Brother*; and the *Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants*, and *Elder Brethren* of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood aforeſaid, or the Major part of them as aforeſaid, ſhall proceed to the Election of ſome other fit Perſon or Perſons in the Room of him or them ſo removed.

The Oaths and ſubſcription enjoyn'd the Maſter.

And further we will and by theſe preſents do hereby charge and Command, that the *Maſter* by theſe preſents herein before named and conſtituted, before he be admitted unto his ſaid Office, ſhall take the *Oaths* of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy*; and the *Oath* preſcribed and mentioned in the *Act* for the well Governing and *regulating* of *Corporations* made in the Thirteenth year of the Reign of his Late Majeſty *King Charles* the *Second*; and alſo ſhall *Subſcribe* the *Declaration* preſcribed and mentioned in the

the ſaid *Act*, and alſo the *Oath* for the due Execution of the ſaid Office of *Maſter* before the ſaid *Wardens*, in theſe preſents before named and conſtituted, or any two of them, whom we do hereby authorize to give and require the ſame accordingly.

And further, We do hereby Charge and Command the *VVardens, Aſſiſtants, Elder Brethren*, and *Clerk* herein before named and conſtituted, that before they or any of them be admitted unto their ſaid reſpective Offices, they and every of them reſpectively ſhall take the ſaid *Oaths* of *Allegiance* and *Supremacy*, and make the *Declaration* and *Subſcription* aforeſaid, and alſo take the *Oaths* for the due Execution of their ſaid Offices reſpectively, before the ſaid *Samuel Pepys* herein before mentioned, *Maſter* of the ſaid Fraternity, or Brotherhood, whom we do hereby give full Power and Authority to require and adminiſter the ſame accordingly, without any further Warrant or Authority from Us, to be had or obtained in that behalf.

Oaths generally enjoyned upon the Wardens, Aſſiſtants, Elder Brethren, and Clerk.

Power to the Maſter of adminiſtring them.

Power reserved to the King of displacing any Master, Warden, Elder Brother, or Clerk, and how.

Provided always, and We by these Presents reserve full Power and Authority to and for *Us*, *Our Heirs*, and *Successors*, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to *remove* and *displace* by order of our or their *Privy Council*, any *Master*, *Warden*, *Assistant*, *Elder Brother*, or *Clerk* of the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and thereupon the Office or Place, Offices or Places, of such Person and Persons so removed, or declared to be removed, shall be (*ipso facto*) *void*, to all intents and purposes, and other fit Person or Persons shall be Elected, Chosen, and Sworn into the Place or Places of him or them so removed, according to the Provisions in that behalf herein before expressed; and this as often as the Case shall so happen, any thing to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

The Master, Wardens, and Assistants, &c. to be always at the King's call.

And for as much as the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their *Deputies*, being often times in *themselves*, their *Servants*, *Apprentices*, and *Ships*, to be char-

charged and imployed at *one hours warning* in Our Service at the *Sea*, in and for the good and neceſſary defence of Our *Realms* and *Kingdoms*, cannot give their due attendance therein, with ſuch diligence as their Duty was and is to do, by reaſon that they be many times compelled to bear *Armour*, or to contribute to the charge thereof for *Land Service*, as alſo to ſerve upon *Inqueſts*, and *Juries*, at *Aſſizes*, *Seſſions*, *Courts Leet*, *Courts Baron*, before the *Coroner*, and in all other *Courts*, *Commiſſions*, and places of *Juriſdictions*, to the great vexation and burthen of the ſaid Corporation, and to the Peril of the ſaid Service at the *Sea*, by reaſon that they cannot conveniently attend both the one and the other. Therefore We of our more abundant Grace, certain Knowledg, and meer Motion, do Will and Grant by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, that they and every of them, and all and *every* other *Brother*, and *Miniſters* of the ſame, being *Mariners* and *Sea faring men*, and their and

And therefore to be exempted from all Land Service and contributions thereto.

every of their *Servants* and *Apprentices* that now be, or at any time or times hereafter ſhall be, their Succeſſors, and the Succeſſors of every of them, from time to time, and at all times from henceforth, ſhall be *diſcharged* and exempted of and from the bearing or finding of any *Armour*, to or for any *Land Service*, at or upon any General *Muſter* or other *veiw* to be taken of *Armour*, in any of the *Counties* or Places, where they or any of them ſhall make their aboad or dwelling, at the time of the ſaid Muſters or View taken, and from being and contributing to the ſetting forth of any *Souldiers* to be employed or ſet forth to or for *Land Service*, other then as *Mariners*, and *Seamen*, in *Sea Services*; as alſo that they and every of them ſhall be in like manner diſcharged and exempted from being ſummoned and put in *Aſſizes*, *Juries*, *Inqueſts*, *Inquiſitions*, *Attaints*, and other *Recognizances* taken, or ſummoned within the ſaid *Counties* or Places, or any of them; unleſs that they the ſaid *Maſter*, *War-*

And from all Aſſizes, Juries, &c.

VVardens, and *Aſſiſtants*, and other Seamen, and Mariners aforeſaid, be thereunto *compelled* or compellable by reaſon of their *Tenures*, or unleſs it be for our Service at every *Admiral Seſſions*, which they and every of them ſhall be always tied and bound to attend upon their Perils, being thereunto lawfully *Summoned* as heretofore; and moreover, that they, and every of them, ſhall be likewiſe exempted and diſcharged from being otherwiſe *taxed*, to, for, or with any manner of *Land Service* whatſoever, other then is aforeſaid, or to be contributary to the ſame: And that if at any time or times hereafter, the ſaid *Maſter*, *VVardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or any of them, or any other *Brother*, *Officer*, *Miniſter*, or *Member* of the ſaid Corporation for the time being, by any ways or means be appointed for bearing or finding of *Armour*, or *Taxed* to or with any manner of *Land Service*, (other then as is aforeſaid) or to be *Contributary* to the ſame, or Summoned or put in *Aſſizes*, *Juries*, *Inqueſts*, *Inquiſitions*, or other

Saving in caſe of Tenures or Admiralty Seſſions.

ther *Recognizances* (other then as aforeſaid) taken or ſummoned within the ſaid *Counties*, Juriſdictions, or Places, where they or any of them ſhall remain or abide, other then as in regard of their ſaid *Tenures*, or for our Services at or in the *Admiral Aſſizes* or *Seſſions* as aforeſaid; that then the ſaid *Appointment* or *Summons*, and alſo the ſaid *Taxation* to be utterly void and of none effect, any Order, Cuſtome, Law, or Uſage, to the contrary before this time had or uſed in any of the ſaid Counties, Juriſdictions, or Places notwithſtanding.

This exemption nevertheleſs revocable by an order of Council.

Provided alwayes, that if the Lords and others of the *Privy Council*, of Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, or any *ſix* or more of them (whereof the *Lord High Admiral* of *England*, for the time being to be always one) by any *VVarrant* or Warrants ſigned with the hands of them, or any *ſix* or more of them, (whereof the *Lord* High *Admiral* of *England* for the time being to be one) ſhall at any time or

or Times, Will and Command the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants*, to perform, execute, or do any *Land Service*, or to be *Contributary* to the Charge of any *Armour*, *Munition*, or any other thing appertaining to ſuch *Land Service*; that then and ſo often the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, ſhall upon and after the receipt of any ſuch Warrant, perform and execute all and every ſuch thing as ſhall be commanded and enjoyned unto them or any of them, in and by the ſame, any thing before in theſe preſents to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Power to ſtop all unlicenſed Maſters and Pilots, and to licence thereto ſuch as are ſufficient; admitting them into the Brotherhood, and certifying their particular abilities.

And further by theſe preſents, We do for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and to their Succeſſors for ever, that from henceforth for ever hereafter, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for them, and the reſt of the *Elder Brethren* of the ſaid Society, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid (whereof the *Maſter*, or *Maſters*

Deputy for the time being, to be always one) to *forbid, ſtay,* and *keep back,* all and every *Seaman* and *Mariner* coming into, or going forth of the River of *Thames,* or any the Creeks, or Harbours of the ſame, to begin to take charge upon him, or them, as *Maſter, Pilot, Loadſman,* or *Guide* of any Ship or other Veſſel, to *go forth* of the ſaid River of *Thames* or Creeks or Harbors of the ſame outwards into the Sea, or from the Sea *Homewards* into the ſaid River, or Creeks, or Harbours of the ſame, other then ſuch as ſhall be firſt allowed of by them, or the more part of them as aforeſaid; and if upon *Examination* and Trial had of any, they ſhall find the ſame *ſufficient* (being *naturally born* our Subjects within our obeyſance) the ſame and every ſuch they ſhall receive into the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, and give him, them, and every of them a *Writing* under the *Seal* of their Corporation, ſignifying thereby the *Countries, Coaſts,* and *Places,* for which he and every of them is and ſhall be ſufficient to take Charge, where-

whereby men to whom he or they ſhall be unknown, when they ſhall have occaſion to hire him, them, or any of them, may be truely certified and ſatisfied for what places he or they is or are fit and ſufficient; and this Order We do expreſſly Command to be obſerved, to the intent thereby to avoid both *ignorant Pylots*, and the placing and preferring of *unskilful men* to take Charge hereafter, which ſome men heretofore have done and procured for *affection* to the perſon only, without regard had to his or their ſufficiency in *Knowledg* and Aptneſs thereunto.

Power to impriſon or fine unlicenſed Maſters or Pilots at diſcretion.

And whoſoever doth or ſhall at any time or times hereafter, preſume to take upon him Charge as *Maſter* or *Pilot* forth of the ſaid River of *Thames*, or Creeks, or Harbors of the ſame, *Outwards* into the Seas, or from the Seas *Homewards* into the ſaid *River*, or Creeks, or Harbours of the ſame, before he or they be *examined* and *allowed* as aforeſaid, it ſhall & may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants*,

and

and the reſt of the *Elder Brethren*, and their Succeſſors, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) to puniſh ſuch *Offender* or *Offenders*, by *Impriſonment* or *Fine*, or by both, according to their diſcretions.

Our Channels, Sands, &c. to be kept ſecret.

And to the end the *Channels*, *Sands*, *Flats*, and *Rocks*, ariſing, growing, or lying in or near any the Seas or Sea *Coaſts* within any our Dominions, ſhould for the more ſtrength and ſafety of our Realms and Kingdoms, be kept *ſecret* within our Selves, and altogether unknown to *Aliens* and Strangers of other Nations, We do furthermore by theſe preſents, give, and grant for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, full Power and Authority of and by themſelves, or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid, or the greater part of them (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always

ways one) to *forbid* or reſtrain, that none do take any *Alien* or Stranger Born, to Sail or Serve in any Ship or other Veſſel belonging unto any of our Subjects, coming into or going forth of the ſaid River of *Thames*, except ſuch Perſon or Perſons, for urgent Cauſes or other good Conſiderations, ſhall be thought meet to be allowed, and ſo *certified* by the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants*, and the reſt of the *Elder Brethren* or their Succeſſors, and *Deputies* as aforeſaid, under the *Seal* of the ſaid Corporation, upon pain of *five Pounds* of lawful Money of *England*, to be forfeited and paid by the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, to the uſe and behoof of the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, for every ſuch offence; and the ſame pain and forfeiture to be had, levied, received, and taken to the uſe of the ſaid Corporation from time to time, and at all times hereafter, in ſuch manner and form, as other pains, duties, and forfeitures, or any of them, in and by theſe preſents are limited and appointed to be levied and received.

And therefore no Alien to be ſuffered to ſail in any Engliſh Ships, unleſs allowed by this Corporation.

Under the forfeiture of five pounds.

And

A forfeiture upon every Engliſh Ship carrying an Alien as a Mariner.

And likewiſe we do grant by theſe preſents, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, or the greater part of them, by themſelves or their *Deputies* as aforeſaid (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being to be always one) or any other their Officer or Officers thereto to be appointed, to levy, have, receive, and take out of every *Engliſh* Ship or other Veſſel that ſhall come into or go forth of the ſaid River of *Thames*, or any the Creeks, or Harbours of the ſame as aforeſaid, for any Voyage, and have in her ſerving for *Mariner*, or Seaman, by what name or addition ſoever, any *Alien* or Stranger, or Aliens or Strangers, not being born within our Dominions or Obeyſance, or not having a Patent of *Denization*, or other ſufficient or lawful Warrant in Writing to ſhew for the ſame, for every firſt offence for every one offending *Forty ſhillings* of like lawful Money of *England*, and for the ſecond time, and ſo from time

time to time afterwards, when, and as often, and for every one that ſhall ſo offend, to levy, take, and receive the Sum of *Five Pounds* of lawful *Engliſh* Money; and for the ſame (if Cauſe ſhall ſo require) by one or more of the ſaid *Wardens*, or by his or their *Deputy* or *Deputies* for the time being, to *Diſtrain* the Goods or Chattels of the Party or Parties ſo offending, and the ſame *Diſtreſs* or Diſtreſſes ſo taken, to carry away, keep, and detain with him or them, until they be fully paid and ſatisfied, of and for the Sum and Sums of Money, which ſhall be ſo forfeited and due unto them from the Offenders as aforeſaid, together with their reaſonable *Coſts* and *Charges* expended and to be expended, for taking, and carrying away of the ſame Diſtreſſes, and keeping thereof, if any ſuch be.

Power to puniſh all Seamen deſerting their Ships, or mutinous.

And that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants*, and the reſt of the *Elder Brethren*, and their Succeſſors, or the greater part

part of them, by themſelves, or their ſaid *Deputies*, as aforeſaid, (whereof the *Maſter* or *Maſters Deputy* for the time being, to be always one) to examine and puniſh by *Fine*, *Impriſonment*, or ſuch reaſonable Correction, as the quality of the offence ſhall require, all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons, as in any Merchant or Merchants, or other Owner or Owners Ship, or other Veſſel within the ſaid River of *Thames*, that ſhall *depart* or go away from any *Ship*, or any other Veſſel by what name ſoever, after that he or they be *hired* and *agreed* withal for Wages, or ſhall grow, or be found *mutinous*, diſobedient, or any ways a provoker, ſeducer, or inticer of any other to any *mutiny* or diſobedience, to the hurt, or injury, or likelihood of hurt or injury of any Service or Journey intended, either outwards or homewards, into or from the ſaid River of *Thames*, or any the Creeks, or Harbours of the ſame.

And alſo to hear and determine all and every

every the *Complaints* of any *Mariner*, *Seaman*, *Purſer* of a Ship, or other *Officer*, *Miniſter*, or *Member*, belonging of or to any Merchant, or Owners Ship, in any Voyage to be made outwards or homewards, to or from the ſaid place and places, or any of them, according to the quality of the ſame Complaints.

Power to hear and determine all complaints of Sea-men, Officers, &c.

Alwayes provided, that the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending may yet nevertheleſs afterwards (if he or they find themſelves grieved therewith) *Appeal* unto the the *Lord* High *Admiral* of *England*, or to the *Judge* of the High Court of Our *Admiralty* for the time being, for redreſs therein.

With the reſerve of an Appeal to the Lord Admiral, or Judg of the Admiralty.

And for that it hath been found by experience that divers *Strangers* Ships and Veſſels, under the colour of having *Engliſh Maſters*, have paſſed for, and been reputed *Engliſh Ships* and Veſſels, and ſo have avoided the payment of their *Duties* and Impoſitions, in that proportion, which

What ſhall be reputed an Engliſh Ship.

which by the Laws and Conſtitutions of the ſaid Corporation, they ought to have paid, to the great abuſe of the ſaid Corporation; for the preventing of the like abuſes in time to Come, and that there may be no miſtake for the future, either in Impoſition of Duties, or of Fines, or Penalties, It is hereby declared, that only ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall be reputed and taken to be an *EngliſhShip*, or Veſſel, which hath an *Engliſh Maſter*, and *three parts* of *Four* of the whole number of Officers and Mariners *Engliſh*, and every other Ship or Veſſel ſhall be reputed and taken for a Foreign or *Stranger ſhip* or Veſſel, and according to that Order and Eſtimation all and every Ship and Veſſel ſhall by the ſaid Corporation, from henceforth be Rated, Fined, and Aſſeſſed.

And what a Stranger.

And to the intent that the ſaid Corporation may be the better enabled to regulate and govern themſelves, and to Prevent diſorders, and redreſs inconveniences,

encies which otherways may arise within the said Corporation: We do hereby farther give and grant, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors for ever, that the *Master* of the said Corporation for the time being, and his *Deputy*, shall be *Commissioners* of Us, our Heirs, and Successors, for the *keeping peace*, for and within the City of *London*, and the *Liberties* thereof, as well as for and within the Counties of *Kent*, *Middlesex*, and *Surrey* at all times hereafter.

The Master to be always in the Commission of the Peace for London, Kent, Middlesex, and Surrey.

And We do hereby further Grant, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, to the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors for ever, that any *Officer* or *Servant* of the said Corporation, or any other person whatsoever, to whom the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors, shall give Warrant and Authority under their Common *Seal* for that purpose, shall and may *demand*, *levy*, and *receive*, all *Impositions*, *Fines*,

Power (by themselves or their Order) of levying all Fines, &c. granted by this Patent.

Forfeitures, and *Payments*, impoſed or to be impoſed by the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, or payable or demandable by and from any Perſon or Perſons, by Vertue of theſe Preſents, at all times hereafter for ever.

In conſideration of the growing Poverty of Seamen, they have power of purchaſeing in Mortmain to 500 l. *per Annum.*

And for as much as the *Poverty* of Mariners and Seamen, belonging to the ſaid Corporation, is now much more encreaſed then hath been in former time, and not able to be relieved from the Revenues of the Lands and Poſſeſſions of the ſaid Corporation, which now they have, or were enabled to have purchaſed, being ſo ſmall in yearly value: Therefore to the end that the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, may be from henceforth the better enabled from time to time to bear and ſuſtain their *Charges* and *Expences*, drawn and occaſioned by reaſon of their Corporation, We of our Eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have given

given and granted, and by these presents for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant unto the said *Master*, *Wardens*, and *Assistants*, of the Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, of the most glorious and undivided *Trinity*, and of St. *Clement* in the Parish of *Deptford Strond* in the County of *Kent*, and their Successors full, free, especial, and lawful License, Power, and Authority, not only to retain, possess, and enjoy, to their own proper use and behoof (without any Accompt to be rendred, made, or given to Us, our Heirs, or Successors, in that behalf) all and singular such *Lands*, *Tenements*, and *Hereditaments*, *Goods*, and *Chattels*, as they have heretofore, obtained, purchas'd, or had, and do at present possess and enjoy, by force and vertue of any other *Letters Patents*, or Grant had and made to them, by the name of any former Corporation, by or from the said late *Kings* and *Queens*, and according to the purport and true meaning thereof, or otherwise howsoever; But also to have, receive, *Without account.*

and *Purchaſe*, further to them and their Succeſſors for ever, of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, or of any other Perſon or Perſons, whatſoever *Manors*, *Meſſuages*, *Lands*, *Tenements*, *Rectories*, *Tithes*, *Rents*, *Reverſions*, and *Services*, or any of them, or any part or parcel of them, or any of them, and any other Poſſeſſions, and Hereditaments whatſoever, without Licenſe or Writ of *ad quod dampnum*; ſo always as the ſaid Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Tithes, Rectories, Rents, Reverſions, Services, Poſſeſſions, and Hereditaments, or ſuch parts or parcels of them, or any of them, by the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors ſo to be purchaſed, obtained, or had, ſo as aforeſaid, do not exceed the clear yearly value of *five hundred pounds* by the year, above all Charges, Deductions, and Repriſes; the Statute of not puting Lands and Tenements into *Mortmaine*, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance Proviſion, or Reſtraint thereof heretofore, had, made, ordained, and provided, or any

any other Cauſe, thing, or matter, whatſoever to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

With Power to others to be benefactors to them in Mortmain to that Value.

And we do further by theſe preſents, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, give and Grant to all and every our Subject and Subjects whatſoever, full Power, Licenſe, and Authority, that they, and every of them, may at their Wills, and and Pleaſures, give, grant, bargain, ſet alien, convey, and aſſure unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reverſions, and Services, or any parts or parcels of them, or any of them, and any other poſſeſſions and Hereditaments whatſoever; ſo always as the ſaid Manors, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reverſions, Services, Poſſeſſions and Hereditaments, or any of them, do not exceed the clear yearly Value of *five hundred pounds*, above all Charges, Deductions, and Repri-

Reprizes; the said Statute of not putting Lands, and Tenements, in *Mortmain*, or any other Act, Statute, Ordinace, Provision, or restraint to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Confirmation of all former Grants of Liberties, Estates, &c.

And further of our more especial Grace, Certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, We have granted and confirmed, and by these presents, do for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, grant and confirm unto the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Assistants*, and their Successors, all and all manner of *Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions*, and *Jurisdictions*, which the said *Master, Wardens*, and *Assistants*, or, any of them, by what name or names so ever, by Vertue of what Incorporation soever, heretofore have had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have had, used, and enioyed, to them and their Successors for ever, of an Estate of Inheritance, by vertue or force of any *Charters*, or *Letters Patents*, by any of our Predecessors, *Kings* or *Queens* of *England*, or any other,

ther Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, by any manner of means heretofore, made, confirmed, or granted, or by any other means, Right, Cuſtom, Uſe, Preſcription, or Title, heretofore uſed, had, and accuſtomed; to have and to *hold* to the ſaid *Maſter, VVardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors for ever, to be held of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, by ſuch the ſame, and the like Rents, Services, and Sums of Money, as the ſame were formerly holden by, and not otherwiſe.

With an Exemption from all Accounts, for any thing claimed or done by them, before the Date hereof.

. Wherefore We will and do ſtrictly Charge and Command, for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, that the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens, & Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, ſhall, and may have, hold, and enjoy for ever, all the aforeſaid, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Authorities, Juriſdictions, and Franchiſes aforeſaid, according to the Tenor and Effect of theſe our *Letters Patents*, without let or hindrance of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, or of any *Juſtices, Sheriffs*, or other *Bayliffs*, or *Miniſters*, of Us, our Heirs,

Heirs, and Succeſſors, whatſoever; willing that neither the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, nor any of them, by reaſon of the Premiſſes, or any of them, by Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, the *Juſtices, Sheriffs, Eſcheators*, or other *Bayliffs*, or *Miniſters*, of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors whatſoever, be thereof hindred, moleſted, vexed, grieved, or in any wiſe troubled. Willing, and by theſe preſents charging and commanding, as well our *Treaſurer, Chancellor*, and *Barons* of our *Exchequer* at *Weſtminſter*, and other the *Juſtices* of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as our *Attorney* and *Sollicitor* General for the time being, and every of them, and all other our *Officers* and *Miniſters* whatſoever, that neither they nor any of them do proſecute, or continue, or cauſe to be proſecuted, or continued, any Writ or Summons of *Quo Warranto*, or other Writ or Writs, or Proceſs whatſoever, againſt the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or any of them, for any Cauſe, Thing, Matter, Offence, Claim, or Uſurpation

Uſurpation, or any of them, claimed, attempted, uſed, had, or uſurped before the making of theſe preſents; Willing alſo that the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or any of them, by any of the *Juſtices*, *Officers*, and *Miniſters* aforeſaid, in or for the due uſe, claim, or abuſe of any Liberties, Franchiſes, or Juriſdictions before the making of theſe preſents be not moleſted, or hindred, or compelled to anſwer to them or any of them.

The Lord Mayor of London, and all other Officers commanded to Aſſiſt, and forbid to moleſt the Corporation in any thing contained in this Grant.

And moreover, our Will and Pleaſure is, that the ſaid Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood of the moſt glorious and undivided *Trinity*, and of *St. Clement* in the Pariſh of *Deptford Strond* in our County of *Kent*, and the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſame, their Succeſſors, Deputies, and Officers, and every of them, for and concerning all or any our former Grants in theſe Our *Letters Patents* contained, and the due Execution of them, or any of them, ſhall as well by the *Lord Mayor*, *Sheriffs*,

riffs, Juſtices, Officers, and *Miniſters* of our City of *London,* as by the Sheriffs, Juſtices of Peace, and more particularly the *Commiſſioners* and other *Officers* of our *Cuſtomes* in every Port of this our *Realm,* as alſo all other Officers, and Miniſters of all and every other County, City, and Place of this our Realm of *England,* from time to time be aided and Aſſiſted, and helped; Forbidding that the ſame Our Leige People and Subjects, or their Succeſſors, or the afore recited *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants,* and their Succeſſors, or their Officer or Officers for the time being, which ſhall be Elected, Ordained, and appointed, in manner and form aforeſaid, or any of them, be by Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, or any the *Juſtices, Mayors, Eſcheators, Sheriffs, Coroners, Bayliffs,* or any other Officer or Miniſter whatſoever, of Us, Our Heirs or Succeſſors, bearing any Office or Offices whatſoever, in any of our ſaid Cities, or Counties, or in any other Place or Places whatſoever, by any means

means from henceforth at any time or times hereafter, for the Premiſſes, or any Article of them, Moleſted, Impeached, Vexed, Troubled, Diſquieted, or Grieved in any thing. In *Witneſs* whereof We have Cauſed, theſe Our Letters to be made *Patents*, *Witneſs* Our Self, at *Weſtminſter*, the *Eight day* of *July*, in the *Firſt* Year of our *Reign*.

By Writ of Privy Seal

PIGOTT.

A Liſt of the Firſt Thirty one *Elder Brethren*, appointed by this Charter.

Maſter.

SAMUEL PEPYS, *Eſq*;

Wardens.

Cap. John Nicholls
Cap. Henry Mudd.
Cap. Nicholas Kerington.
Cap. William Green.

Aſſiſtants.

Henry *Duke of* Grafton.
William *Earl of* Craven.
George *Earl of* Berkely.
George *Lord* Dartmouth.
Sir Thomas Allen, *Kt. and Baronct.*
Cap. Simon Nicholls.
Cap. Iſaac Woodgreen.
Cap. Thomas Browne.

Elder Brethren.

Sr. Richard Haddock, *Kt.*
Sr. John Berry, *Kt.*
Sr. John Narbrough, *Kt.*
Sr. Matthew Andrews, *Kt.*
Sr. Anthony Dean, *Kt.*
Cap. Henry Sheere.
Cap. Hugh Till.
Cap. Samuel Chamblet.
Cap. Thomas Collier.
Cap. Anthony Young.
Cap. John Hill.
Cap, Francis Wilſhaw.
Cap. Robert Fiſher.
Cap. James Bonnell.
Cap. Ralph Sanderſon.
Cap. Thomas Wilſhaw.
Cap. Samuel Rutter.
Cap. Richard Goodlad.

The Several OATHS Enjoyned by this CHARTER To be taken by the *OFFICERS* and *MEMBERS*, OF THIS CORPORATION: According to the Table ſubjoyned.

I.

The Oath of Supremacy.

I Do utterly teſtifie and declare in my Conſcience, that the KING's Highneſs is the only Supreme Governour of this Realm, and of all other His Highneſſes Dominions and Countries, as well in all ſpi- The 1ſt. of *Eliz.* cap. 1ſt.

Spiritual or Ecclesiastical things or Causes, as Temporal; And that no Foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State, or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority, Preeminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm: And therefore I do utterly renounce and forsake all Foreign Jurisdictions, Powers, Superiorities and Authorities, and do promise that from henceforth, I shall bear Faith and true Allegiance to the KING's Highness, his Heirs and lawful Successors; and to my power shall assist and defend all Jurisdictions, Privileges, Preeminences and Authorities granted or belonging to the KING's Highness, his Heirs and Successors, or united and annexed to the Imperial Crown of this Realm. So help me God, and by the Contents of this Book.

2.

The Oath of Allegiance.

I Do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testifie and declare in my Conscience before God and the World, that our Soveraign Lord King JAMES is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and of all other His Majesties Dominions and Countries; and that the Pope, neither of himself, nor by any Authority of the Church or See of Rome, or by any other means with any other, hath any Power or Authority to depose the King, or to dispose any of His Majesties Kingdoms or Dominions, or to authorize any Forreign Prince to invade or annoy him or his Countries, or to discharge any of his Subjects of their Allegiance and Obedience to His Majesty, or to give License or leave to any of them to bear Arms, raise Tumults, or to offer any violence or hurt to His Majesties Royal Person, State or Government, or to any of his Majesties Subjects

The 3d. Jacob. 1s cap. 4th.

jects within His Majesties Dominions.

Also I do swear from my heart, that notwithstanding any Declaration, or Sentence of Excommunication, or Deprivation made or granted, or to be made or granted by the Pope or his Successors, or by any Authority derived or pretended to be derived from him or his See, against the said King, His Heirs or Successors, or any Absolution of the said Subjects from their Obedience, I will bear Faith and true Allegiance to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and him and them will defend to the uttermost of my power, against all Conspiracies and Attempts whatsoever which shall be made against his or their Persons, their Crown and Dignity, by reason or colour of any such Sentence or Declaration or otherwise; and will do my best endeavour to disclose and make known unto His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know or hear of, to be against him or any of them.

And I do further swear, that I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure as impious

impious and heretical, this damnable Doctrine and Position, that Princes which be excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, may be deposed or murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever.

And I do believe, and in my conscience am resolved, that neither the Pope, nor any Person whatsoever hath Power to absolve me of this Oath, or any part thereof, which I acknowledg by good and full Authority to be lawfully administred unto me, and do renounce all Pardons and Dispensations to the contrary.

And all these things I do plainly and sincerely acknowledge, and swear, according to these express words by me spoken, and according to the plain and common sense and understanding of the same words; without any equivocation, or mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever. And I do make this Recognition and Acknowledgment heartily, willingly, and truly, upon the true Faith of a Christian So help me God, &c.

3.

The Corporation Oath.

13 Carol. 2d. cap. 1st.

I Do declare and believe, that it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take Arms against the King: And that I do abhor that Traiterous Position, of taking Arms by his Authority against his Person, or against those that are Commissioned by him. So help me God.

4.

The Declaration.

I Do declare, That I hold that there lies no Obligation upon me or any other Person, from the Oath commonly called, The Solemn League and Covenant; And that the same was in it self an unlawful Oath, and imposed upon the Subjects of this Realm against the known Laws and Liberties of this Kingdom.

5. That

5.

The Master and Masters Deputies Oath.

YOu shall Swear, that you during the time of your being the Master of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, shall not seek secretly, suddenly or unnecessarily, to withdraw or absent your self from the guidance and Government that appertains unto you therein; And together therewithal shall do your true endeavour, that all and every the Orders, Constitutions, and Ordinances heretofore made and established for the good government of the said Guild, and now in force, or at any time or times hereafter, during your being Master there, shall be made and ordained for the same government, may be duly maintained and kept, as well in your own person as in all others of the same Guild, according to the intent and true meaning of the same Orders, Constitutions, and Ordinances, and every of them; And in all matters and

causes of the said Guild, or referred thither forth of the Court of the Admiralty, or by or from the Judge thereof, or any his lawful Surrogate, Substitute, or Deputy there for the time being, to be determined, decided, or reported, You shall indifferently, and without respect of persons, or unnecessary delay, seek to bring to an end, as to Justice appertaineth. In the execution of your Office or place, you shall spare or forbear no man for favour or love, or grieve or vex any man for Malice, or hate. Extortion or wrong under colour of your place shall you not do, or cause to be done; neither to any thing that shall be against the Peace, Crown, and Dignity of our Soveraign Lord the King, or the Weal and Profit of this Guild, shall you yield your consent, but let and hinder the same what you may. And moreover you from time to time, during the same your being Master, shall to the uttermost of your skill and knowledge, do your true endeavours, That the said Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood may be well and orderly guided and governed, and the good and

benefit

benefit thereof augmented and sought, And in all things use and behave your self, as to the said Masters place appertaineth. So help you God.

6.

The Warden and Warden's Deputies Oath.

YOu shall Swear that you shall well and truly oversee this Guild, Fraternity or Brotherhood, whereof you be chosen one of the Wardens for the time now to come, and all the good Orders, Constitutions, and Ordinances of the same Guild from time to time, as they be in force, shall you keep and cause to be kept, according to the intent and true meaning of the same Orders, Constitutions, and Ordinances, and every of them; and all the defaults and offences that you shall find in the same Guild to be made, done, or committed, ye shall well and truly present, or cause to be presented at the next Court to be holden for the said Guild, sparing therein no man for favour or love, nor giving

ing, or vexing any person for malice or hate. Ye shall not seek either suddenly or unnecessarily to withdraw or exempt your self from the execution of your Office or Place before the time appointed you be expired, or ended. Extortion or wrong under colour of your Office ye shall not do, or procure to be done, neither to any thing that shall be against the Kings Majesties Peace, His Crown, and Dignity, or the Weal and profit of this Guild shall you yield your consent, But let and hinder the same what you may. And for the time that ye shall be in your Office or Place of Warden, in all things that shall be belonging unto the same Guild, after the Orders and Customs thereof well and lawfully you shall behave your self. So help you God.

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7.

The Assistant and Assistants Deputy's Oath.

YOu shall Swear, That you shall from time to time, so long as you shall supply the office or place of an Assistant within this Guild, according to the Election that hath been made of you, aid and assist the Master, the Wardens, and the rest of the Assistants of this Guild, and all and every of their Deputies for the time being, with the best of your experience, skill, and understanding, for the well governing of the same Guild, according to the Orders, Customes, Constitutions, and Ordinances thereof; And the same Orders, Customes, Constitutions, and Ordinances, and every of them, being lawful, just, and in force, you shall do your true indeavour to see them kept and observ'd, both in your own person, and in all others of the same Guild. You shall not seek either secretly, suddenly, or unnecessarily to withdraw or exempt your self from the execution of

pour Office or place, within the time appointed you at your Election. Extortion or wrong by colour of your place shall you not do, nor procure to be done, neither to any thing that shall be against the Kings Majesties Peace, His Crown, and Dignity, or the weal and profit of this Guild shall you yield your Consent, but let and hinder the same in what you may: And from the time that you shall be or serve in your Office or Place of one of the Assistants, in all things that shall be belonging to the said Guild, after the Orders and Customes thereof, well and lawfully you shall behave yourself. So help you God.

8.

The Elder-Brothers Oath.

YE shall Swear to be faithful and true unto our Soveregn Lord King JAMES the IId. His Heirs and lawful Successors: Ye shall be faithful and true unto this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, whereof you are now made a special member: And in that you are now called to the Fellowship of Elder Brothers, Ye shall

shall faithfully use your self as becometh your place: ye shall be obedient, aiding, and helpful unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this Company, and their Deputies there for the time being: the Secrets and Privities of the said Company ye shall heal, and not bewray; and if you shall know any person or persons, which intend hurt, harm, or prejudice to our said Sovereign Lord the King, or to this said Fellowship or Guild, or the Priviledges of the same, ye shall speedily give knowledge thereof, or do it to be known to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of this Company, or their Deputies for the time being, or to some one of them. All and every the Orders, Constitutions, and Ordinances, which have been made, or shall hereafter be made by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or their Deputies for the time being, or the more part of them, or otherwise howsoever agreeable to their Charter, and standing in force, ye shall well and truely hold, and keep; or in default thereof, pay, or cause to be paid to the Clerk of the said Guild (for the time being) to the use of the said Company, all and every such mulcts,

mulcts, pains, and penalties, as have or shall be limited and set against the Offenders and Transgressors of the same. So help me God.

9.

The Younger-Brothers Oath.

YOu shall Swear to be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord King JAMES the II. and to his Heirs and lawful Successors; and to be aiding by all the best means you can to uphold and maintain the good and welfare of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood whereof you be now made a Member. You shall always be obedient unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, of the same, and their Deputies for the time being, and use your self as becometh a Younger Brother for the time you shall so continue: All and every the Orders, Constitutions, and Ordinances which have been made, or shall hereafter be made by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants or their Deputies for the time being, or the more part of them, or otherwise

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howsoever agreeable to their Charter, and standing in force, Ye shall well and truly hold and keep; or in default thereof pay or cause to be paid to the Clerk of the said Guild for the time being, to the use of this Company, all and every such Mulcts, Pains, and Penalties, as have or shall be limited and set against the Offenders and Transgressors of the same. So help you God.

10.

The Clerk's Oath.

YOu shall Swear to be faithful and true to our Sovereign Lord king JAMES the Second, and to his Heirs and lawful Successors, and to be aiding by all the best means you can to uphold and maintain the good and welfare of this Guild, Fraternity, or Brotherhood, whereof you be now made the Clerk, and Minister; You shall faithfully conceal the Secrets and Privities of the said Guild, and always during your continuance in that Office and Employment be obedient to the Master,

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Wardens, and Assistants of the same, and their Deputies for the time being, in their lawful and reasonable Commands concerning the execution of your Office; All the Mulcts, Duties, payments, and sums of Money whatsoever now due, or hereafter during your Employment to be due to the said Guild, by any Person or Persons, You shall to your uttermost ability, endeavour to Collect and gather to the use of the same Guild, or upon refusal of payment thereof shall acquaint the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or their Deputies, or the greater part of them at their Court of Assistants, with the same: And whatsoever Sum or Sums of Money, you shall so collect or gather, You shall truly and faithfully answer, accompt for, Satisfie, and pay to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or the greater part of them, at their Court of Assistants to be holden next after such Collection made, or to be made: Extortion or Wrong to any man, you shall not do, nor cause to be done by colour of your Office, neither to any thing that shall be against the Kings Majesties

ſties Peace, his Crown, and Dignity, or the Weal or profit of this Guild, ſhall you yield your conſent, but Lett and hinder the ſame what you may. So help you God, through Jeſus Chriſt.

A TABLE of the preceding Oaths and Declaration, ſhewing the Order wherein they are to be taken by the ſeveral proper Officers and Members.

Perſons.	OATHS.									
	N°	N°	N°	N°	N°	N°	N°	N°	N°	N°
Maſter ——	1	2	3	4	5					
Maſter's Deputy										
Warden ——	1	2	3	4	—	6				
Wardens Deputy										
Aſſiſtant ——	1	2	3	4	—	—	7			
Aſſiſtants Deputy										
Elder-Brother —	1	2	3	4	—	—	—	8		
Younger-Brother	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	
Clerk ——	1	2	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	10
Under Officers —	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Apprentices ——	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

APPENDIX.

An Act 8. *Eliz.*

To enable the *Trinity-House* to erect *Sea Marks*, and give *Licenſe* to *Mariners* to *Row* in the River of *Thames*.

WHereas the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants of the Trinity-Houſe at Deptford-Strond being a Company of the chiefeſt and moſt expert Maſters, and Governours of Ships, incorporate within themſelves, charged with the conduction of the Queens Majeſties Navy Royal, are bound to foreſee the good Encreaſe, and maintenance of Ships, and of all kind of Men, Traded and brought up by Watercraft, moſt meet for her Majeſties Marine Service.

And foraſmuch as by the deſtroying, and taking away of certain Steeples, Woods, and other Marks, ſtanding upon the Main Shores, adjoyning to the Sea-Coaſts

of this Realm of England, and Wales, being as Beacons and Markes of ancient time accustomed for Seafaring Men, to save and keep them, and the Ships in their charge, from sundry dangers thereto incident, divers Ships with their Goods and Merchandizes, in Sailing from Forein parts towards this Realm of England and Wales, and specially to the Port and River of Thames, have by the lack of such Markes of late years been miscarried, perished, and lost in the Sea, to the great detryment and hurt of the Common-Weal, and the perishing of no small number of people.

For Remedy whereof to be had, be it Enacted, Established and Ordained by the Queens most Excellent Majesty, By the consents of the Lords Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the foresaid Master, Wardens and Assistants of the Trinity-house at Deptford Strond aforesaid, being a Company incorporated as before, shall and may lawfully, by vertue of this Act, from time to time hereafter at their Wills and Pleasures and

and at their Costs, make, erect, and set up, such, and so many Beacons, Markes, and Signs for the Sea, in such Place, or Places of the Sea-shores, and Uplands near the Sea Coasts or Forelands of the Sea, only for Sea Markes, as to them shall seem most meet, needful, and requisite, whereby the Dangers may be avoided and escaped, and Ships the better come unto their Ports without peril. And that all such Beacons, Markes, and Signs, so to be by them, or their Assigns erected, made, and set up at the Costs, and Charges of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, shall and may be continued, renewed, and maintained, from time to time at the Costs and Charges of the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants; any thing to the contrary hereof notwithstanding. *To erect Sea-Marks.*

And be it further Ordained, and Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no Steeples, Trees, or other things now standing as Beacons or Markes for the Sea, (whereof to the Owner or Occupier of the Place where the same doth grow or stand, before the first day of March next coming, notice shall be given by

the Queens Majesties Letters under her Signet) shall at any time hereafter be taken down, fell'd, or otherwise cut down, upon pain that every person by whose procurement, or consent, such Offence shall be committed, shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred pounds, whereof the One moyety to the Queens Majesty, and the other Moyety to be to the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Trinity-House; And if the said person or persons so offending, be not of the value of One hundred pounds, then the same person and persons to be deemed convict of Outlawry, *ipso facto*, to all constructions and purposes.

To License Mariners to row in the Thames.

And further be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Mariners and Seafaring Men, dwelling about the said River of Thames, being thereto Licensed by the said Master, Wardens and Assistants, and having sufficient Certificate of such License from the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, as well between their Voyages as at other times, at their Wills and Pleasures, by force hereof, the better to keep and refrain themselves from Folly, Idleness, and Lewd Company,

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and for the relief of them, their Wives, and Children, shall and may freely and quietly exercise and Row in their own Wherryes, or any other mens Wherryes by them to be hired, or wherein they shall be hired, to work up and down the said River of Thames, to apply and follow the Ordinary passing and carrying of the Queens Majesties people to and fro, as other Watermen commonly called Wherrymen of the same River use and accustome to do, without Impeachment, Hinderance, or Let to the contrary; and that such Seafaring men shall not thereby be drawn under any other Government, than under the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, as they were before; any Act, Statute, Provision, Proclamation, Ordinance or Custom heretofore against the Premisses Ordained or made in any wise notwithstanding.

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Johan. Walker, *Deput.*

Johan. Brown, *Cler. Parliamentor.*

THE GRANT OF Queen *ELIZABETH*

In the 36. Year of Her Reign,

OF THE *Ballaſtage*, *Beaconage*, and *Buoyage*, TO THE TRINITY-HOUSE.

Surrender of the Ballaſtage by the Lord Admiral.

ELIZABETH, By the Grace of God Queen of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom theſe preſent Letters ſhall come, Greeting: Whereas our loving Couſin and Councellor, *Charles* Lord *Howard* of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter Knight, *Baron* of *Effingham*, and our great *Admiral* of *England*, hath

hath by his Deed in our Court of Chancery enrolled, bearing Date the ſeven and twentieth day of *May* laſt paſt, for divers conſiderations him therein moving, fully, wholly, and abſolutely *Surrendred*, yielded, and given up unto Us, and into our hands, the *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage*, and *Office* of *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage*, of all and all manner of *Ships*, and other Veſſels whatſoever, coming, or being, in or upon the River of the *Thames*, or which ſhall at any time hereafter be coming, Floting, Iſſuing, paſſing, Sailing or going into, or out of the River of the *Thames*, betwixt our City of *London*, and the *Main Sea*, of what burthen ſoever ſuch Ship or Ships, or other Veſſels ſhall be, and of, and by what Name, or Names ſoever, ſuch *Ballaſtage* and *Laſtage* is, or may be called, known, or uſed, or which do or hereafter ſhall remain, lye, or be, at, in, upon, or near unto any *Wharf*, *Bank*, or *Creek* near unto the ſame River, or any *Coaſt*, *Shore*, or part of the ſame, betwixt

betwixt the *Bridge* of *London* towards the *Weſt* part, and the ſaid *Main Sea* towards the *Eaſt*; And all his lawful *Right*, *Title*, *Intereſt*, and demand whatſoever which he hath or might have, claim, or pretend to have of, in, or to the premiſes, or any of them, by Vertue of the ſaid *Office* of Great *Admiral* of *England*, or of our *Letters Patents*, dated at *Weſtminſter* the eighth day of *July* in the ſeven and twentieth year of our Reign, made unto him of the ſaid Office of Great Admiral of *England*, or of any Sentence or Clauſe therein contained or otherwiſe; And hath beſought us that we will be pleaſed to Give, Grant and Confirm the premiſes unto the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of the *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford-Strond* in our County of *Kent*.

And Title to the ſame.

Prays the Granting thereof to the Trinity-Houſe.

And whereas he hath further by his ſaid Deed of the date aforeſaid alſo fully, wholly, and abſolutely, *Surrendred*, yielded, and given up unto us, and into our

Surrenders alſo the Beaconage and Buoyage.

our hands, all his *Right*, *Title*, *Intereſt*, *Authority*, and demand whatſoever which he hath, or might have, Claim, Challenge, or pretend to have of, in, or to the *making*, *Erecting*, *Setting up*, *Placeing* or *Laying out* of all, or any *Beacons*, *Buoyes*, *Marks*, and *Signs* for the Sea, to be made, Erected, and Set up, Placed, or laid forth, in, or upon the *Sea* or *Sea-Shores*, *Coaſts* near the Sea, or *Uplands*, or *Forelands*, or elſewhere near the Sea, by Vertue or Colour of the ſaid Office of great Admiral of *England*, Letters Patents aforeſaid, or otherwiſe howſoever.

Declares the Right thereof to be in Trinity-Houſe, *by Act of Parliament.*

And hath by his ſaid Deed declared and made known, that albeit by the Letter of our ſaid Letters Patents aforeſaid, the ſaid *Beaconage*, and other the laſt recited premiſes are granted unto him, Yet it doth notwithſtanding evidently appear unto him, that it is in and by one *Statute* or *Act* of *Parliament*, made in the *Eighth Year* of Our Reign, ſpecially

ſpecially and expreſly Ordained and Enacted, that the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Trinity-Houſe* of the *Deptford Strond* aforeſaid being a Company incorporated, ſhould and might lawfully by Vertue of the ſaid Act, from time to time, at their Wills and Pleaſures, and at their Coſts and Charges, *make*, *Erect*, and *Set up*, ſuch, and ſo many *Beacons*, *Marks*, and *Signs* for the Sea, in ſuch Place, or Places of the *Seaſhores*, and *Uplands* near the *Sea Coaſts*, or *Forelands* of the Sea, for *Seamarks*, as to them ſhall ſeem moſt meet, needful and requiſite, whereby dangers may be avoided and eſcaped, and Ships the better come to their Ports without Peril: But for that the placing, and laying out of *Buoyes* in convenient Places of the *Sea*, and *Channel*, for paſſing into and out of Havens, and Rivers, being a thing moſt neceſſary to forewarn, ſhun, and prevent the Peril and danger of thoſe places may yet be queſtioned upon, by the ſtrict Letter of the ſaid *Statute*, or

Not fully enough expreſs'd in the ſaid Act.

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Act of *Parliament*, for that the ſaid *Buoyes* be properly and naturally placed and laid out upon or within the Water of the *Sea-Haven* or *River*, and not on the *Sea-ſhore*, or *Banks dry* at any time, and doth therefore juſtly deſerve ſome explanation.

Prays therefore a further confirmation, and explanation thereof.

In regard of which premiſes he doth further by his ſaid Deed of the date aforeſaid, humbly alſo beſeech us, that we will be further pleaſed to give, grant, confirm, and explain, in all ample and beneficial manner, unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford Strond* aforeſaid, and their *Succeſſors* for ever, the *making, erecting, ſetting up, placing*, and *laying out, continuing, renewing*, and *maintaining*, from time to time, of all and every *Beacon* and *Beacons, Buoy* and *Buoyes, Mark* and *Marks, Sign* and *Signs* for the Sea, which at the time of the making the ſaid Deed, were, or at any time hereafter ſhall be made, erected, ſet up, placed, or laid forth, at the

the coſts and charges of the ſaid Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, or of their Succeſſors, in or upon the *Sea*, and *Places Navigable*, or *Sea-ſhores*, *Coaſt* near the Sea, or *Uplands*, or *Forelands* of this Our Realm of *England*, near unto the Sea or Seas of the ſame.

The Ballaſtage granted and confirmed to the Trinity-Houſe.

Now know ye, That We of Our ſpecial Grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, and for ſundry good Reaſons, Cauſes, and Conſiderations, Us eſpecially moving, Have given, granted, confirmed, ratified, and approved, and by theſe preſents do, for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors *Give*, *Grant*, *Confirm*, *Ratifie*, and *approve* unto our loving and faithful Subjects the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford Strond* in Our County of *Kent*, and to their Succeſſors for ever, the *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage*, and *Office* of *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage* of all and all manner of *Ships*, and other *Veſſels* whatſoever, coming or being, or which hereafter at any time ſhall

ſhall be coming, floating, lying or remaining, iſſuing, paſſing, ſailing, or going in, upon, to, or out of the River of the *Thames* or elſewhere, betwixt the *Bridge* of the City of *London* and the *Main Sea*, or any *Wharf*, *Bank*, *Creek*, *Coaſt*, *Shore*,, or any part of the ſame, or near or adjoyning thereunto, betwixt the *Bridge* of *London* aforeſaid towards the *Weſt part*, and the ſaid *Main Sea* towards the *Eaſt part*, of what burthen ſoever ſuch Ship Veſſel or Veſſels be, or ſhall be, and by what name or names ſoever, and in what kind or kinds ſoever, the ſuch *Ballaſtage* or *Laſtage* is or may be called, reputed, or known, exerciſed, or uſed.

The Beaconage and Buoyage alſo confirm'd to the Trinity-House.

And alſo the *Beaconage* and *Buoyage*, and the *Office* of *Beaconage* and *Buoyage*, and the *making*, *erecting*, *ſetting up*, *placing*, and *laying out*, *continuing*, *renewing*, and *maintaining* from time to time, and at all times, at their Coſts and Charges, of all, every, and whatſoever

ver *Beacon* and *Beacons*, *Buoy* and *Buoyes*, *Mark* and *Marks*, *Sign* and *Signs* for the Sea, in any and whatſoever place and Places in, or upon the *Sea*, *Places Navigable*, and *Channels* for paſſing into, or out of *Havens*, or *Rivers*, or *Sea-ſhores*, *Coaſts* near the Sea, *Uplands* or *Forelands*, or other Places of our Realm of *England* near unto the Sea or Seas of the ſame, as to the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or their Succeſſors, their Subſtitute or Subſtitutes, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſign or Aſſigns, ſhall from time to time ſeem meet, good, neceſſary, or convenient.

To enjoy the ſaid Ballaſtage, Beaconage and Buoyage for ever.

To have and to hold the ſaid *Ballaſtage* and *Laſtage*, and *Office* of *Ballaſtage* and *Laſtage*, and the ſaid *Beaconage* and *Buoyage*, and *Office* of *Beaconage* and *Buoyage*, and all and every other the premiſes heretofore in theſe preſents mentioned to be given, granted, ratified, and approved; with all and every *Fees*, *Advantages*, *Sallaries*, *Profits*, E-

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moluments, *Commodities*, and *Rights*, *Incidents* and *Appurtenances* whatſoever to, for, out of, or by reaſon of all, or any of the premiſes any way due, payable, accuſtomed, appertaining, or belonging unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford Strond* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors for ever, by themſelves, their Subſtitute or Subſtitutes, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſigne or Aſſigns to *uſe*, *exerciſe*, *execute*, and *enjoy* for ever. *With all Fees, Profits, &c. thereunto being.*

And all and every the ſaid premiſes to *hold* of Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as of our *Manor* of Eaſt *Greenwich* in Our ſaid County of *Kent* in free and common *Soccage*, and not in *Capite*, or by *Knight-Service*, although expreſs mention of the true yearly value, or of any other value, or other certainty of the premiſes, or of any of them, or of any Gifts or Grants by Us, or any Our *Progenitors* unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* before this time made, in theſe pre- *To hold them in free and common Soccage.*

preſents is not made; Or any Statute, Act, Proviſoe, Ordinance, or Reſtraint thereof, or of any thing contained in theſe preſents to the contrary made, had, Ordained, or provided, or any other want of Writ of *Ad quod damnum*, or any other thing, matter or Cauſe whatſoever in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

In Witneſs whereof, *&c.* Witneſs Our Self at *Weſtminſter*, the Eleventh day of *June*, in the Six and Thirtieth Year of our Reign.

Per Breve de privato Sigillo

Powle.

Pro William Brenck.

THE GRANT OF King *CHARLES*, II.

In the 17. Year of His Reign,

OF THE BALLASTAGE

In the RIVER of

THAMES

TO THE

TRINITY-HOUSE.

CHARLES the *Second* by the Grace of *God*, *King* of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith &c. To all whom theſe preſents ſhall come, Greeting: Now, whereas Our late Royal Predeceſſor Queen *Elizabeth* of happy memory, by her Highneſs *Letters Patents* under

her Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Weſtminſter* the eleventh day of *June*, in the *Six* and *thirtieth* year of her *Reign*, did amongſt other things, give grant, confirm, ratifie, and approve unto her loving and faithful Subjects the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Trinity Houſe* of *Debtford-Strond* in the County of *Kent*, and to their Succeſſors for ever, The *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage*, and *Office* of *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage* of all and all manner of Ships and other Veſſels whatſoever, coming and being, or which then after at any time ſhould be coming, floating, lying, or remaining, iſſuing, paſſing, ſailing, or going in, upon, to, or out of the River of *Thames* or elſewhere, betwixt the *Bridge* of the City of *London* and the *Main Sea*, or any Wharf, Bank, Creek, Coaſt, Shore, or any part of the ſame, or near, or adjoyning thereunto, betwixt the Bridge of *London* aforeſaid towards the *Weſt part*, and the Main Sea towards the *Eaſt part*, of what burthen ſoever ſuch Ship or Ships

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Ships, Veſſel or Veſſels were or ſhould be, and by what name or names ſoever, and in what kind or kinds ſoever, the ſaid Ballaſtage or Laſtage is or might be called, reputed, or known, exerciſed, or uſed. To *have* and to *hold*, amongſt other things by the ſaid Letters Patents granted, the *Ballaſtage* and *Laſtage*, with all and every Fees, Advantages, Salaries, Profits, Emoluments, Commodities, and Rights, incidents and appurtenances whatſoever, to, for, or out of the premiſes, any way due and payable, accuſtomed, appertaining, or belonging to the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity Houſe* of *Deptford Strond* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors for ever, by themſelves, their Subſtitute or Subſtitutes, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſign or Aſſigns, to uſe, exerciſe, execute, and *enjoy for ever*; and all and every the ſaid Premiſes to *hold* of her ſaid Majeſty, her Heirs and Succeſſors, as of her Manor of Eaſt *Greenwich* in the ſaid County of *Kent* in *free* and *common Soccage*, and not in *Capite* nor by

Knights ſervice, as in and by theſaid *Letters Patents* more at large may appear.

The Reaſon for granting the Ballaſtage to Collonel Carlos.

And whereas upon information given unto Us by Our truſty and well beloved Subject and Servant Colonel *William Carles* of *Brewed* in the County of *Stafford* Eſq. That if we ſhould grant the ſaid Soil and Gravel of our ſaid River of *Thames* for Ballaſting of Ships, that ſuch our grant would not entrench upon, or be *prejudicial* to the ſaid Grant made to the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Trinity Houſe* as aforeſaid; We did by Our *Letters Patents* under Our Great Seal of *England* bearing date at *Weſtminſter* the Seventh day of *February* in the *twelfth* year of Our *Reign* grant, demiſe, and to farm let, unto the ſaid Colonel *William Carles*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns the *Ballaſting* of all Ships and other Veſſels whatſoever, riding or being, or then after to ride or be in the River of *Thames*, in as large and ample manner to all intents,

The Grant thereof to Colonel Carlos *recited.*

tents, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as we or any our *Royal Progenitours* or Predeceſſors *Kings* or *Queens* of this Realm, or any Our or their Lord *Admiral* or *Admirals* of *England* for the time being, or any others theretofore had granted or enjoyed the ſame, or might, ſhould, or ought to have, had, or enjoyed the ſame, and alſo the *Gravel*, *Sand*, and *Soil* of the ſaid River of *Thames*, and every part and parcel thereof, and the *cleanſing* of the ſaid River from Shelves and other annoyances: And further We did by the ſaid Indenture of Demiſe give and grant unto the ſaid Colonel *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrrtors, and Aſſigns full power, priviledge, licenſe, and authority, that he the ſaid Colloncl *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, and every of them, by himſelf, or by his or their Deputy or Deputies, Agents, Factors, Workmen, and Servants, or any of them from time to time, and at all times during the term in our ſaid Indenture of Demiſe menti-

oned, in all and every place and places whatſoever within the ſaid River, being to the damage and annoyance of the ſame, at his, their, and every of their wills and pleaſures ſhould and might *dig take up, draw forth*, and *raiſe* for the better furniſhing of Ships with Ballaſt, the ſaid Gravel and Sand, and ſoil out of the ſaid River by all ſuch wayes and means, as he, they, or any of them ſhould think fit, and the ſaid Gravel and Soil, ſo by him, them, or any of them, raiſed and taken up, to land and *lay on Shore* upon any of Our *waſt ground*, in all and every convenient place and places, and to take off the ſame, as his, or their, or any of their occaſions ſhould require, and upon any *Wharfs*, agreeing firſt with the Owners of the ſame; and he the ſaid Collonel *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, Deputies, and Aſſigns, ſolely and only to convert, utter, diſpoſe, and ſell the ſaid Gravel, Sand, and Soil, to and for the *Ballaſting* of all or any *Ship or Ships*, Veſſels and Boats whatſoever, which

which ſhould have occaſion to take or uſe Ballaſt within the ſaid River, he the ſaid Colonel *Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, Deputies, and Aſſigns affording and ſelling the ſame, at ſuch reaſonable and moderate rates and prizes as the River Ballaſt was then, and had formerly been uſually ſold for ballaſting of Ships. And we did likewiſe by our ſaid Indenture of Demiſe ſtrictly, will, require, and command all other perſon and perſons, *Bodies Politick* and *Corporate* whatſoever, during the Term thereby granted, to forbear, to ſell, vend, give, or utter, any Gravel, Sand, or Soil of the ſaid River, to or for the ballaſting of any Ship or Ships, or other Veſſels within the ſaid River, without *licenſe* firſt had and obtained in writing under the Hand and Seal of the ſaid Colonel *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, or his or their Deputy or Deputies, or ſome of them, upon pain of our High diſpleaſure, and ſuch further pains, penalties, and puniſhments, as by the Laws

or Statutes of this Realm or otherwise should or might be inflicted on them, for their contempt of Our Royal Pleasure and Commandment in the premises. To have, hold, take, and enjoy the said Ballasting of Ships and other Vessels, the said Gravel and Soil of the said River, and the cleansing thereof, in as large and ample manner and form, to all intent, constructions, and purposes whatsoever, as We, or any Our *Royal Progenitours*, or *Predecessors*, *Kings* or *Queens* of this Realm, or any Our or their Lord *Admiral* or *Admirals* of *England*, or any others had theretofore had granted or enjoyed the same, or might, should, or ought to have had and enjoyed the same, together with all and every the Licenses, Powers, Priviledges, Authorities, Profits, Commodities, and Advantages whatsoever, for the cleansing of the said River as aforesaid, and other the Premises, unto him the said Colonel *William Carlos*, his Executors Administrators, and Assigns from the

date

date of our ſaid *Letters Patents* of Demiſe, for and during the Term, and unto the ful end and term of *Thirty* and *one years* from thence next enſuing, and fully to be compleat and ended; Yielding and paying therefore yearly, and the ſaid *William Carlos*, for himſelf, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns did covenant, promiſe, and grant, and agree to and with Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors by the ſaid recited Indenture of Demiſe, to pay unto Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, for and during the ſaid *Term* of *One* and *Thirty years*, the *yearly rent* or Sum of *One thouſand Marks* of lawful Mony of *England* into the Receipt of Our *Exchecquer* at *Weſtminſter*, at the Feaſts of St. *John the Baptiſt*, and the *Birth of our Lord God*, or within forty days next after the ſame Feaſt, by even and equal Portions, as in and by the ſaid Indenture of Demiſe (relation being thereunto had) more at large appears.

And further reciting, that whereas divers

The Title to the Ballaſtage diſputed between Triniry-Houſe *and Collonel* Carlos, *decided by the King.*

divers *Suits* by reaſon of Our ſaid Indenture of Demiſe, granted to the ſaid Colonel *William Carlos* as aforeſaid, did after ariſe, and were proſecuted in Our Name, between the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity Houſe* aforeſaid, and the ſaid Collonel *William Carlos*, touching the *Right* and *Title* to the *Ballaſting* of Ships in the River of *Thames*, and intereſt of the *Sand*, *Soil*, And *Gravel* of Our ſaid River of *Thames*, for the aforeſaid uſe of ballaſting of Ships as aforeſaid, which Suits and Differences by Our mediation and interpoſition We had then finally *compoſed*. and that whereas the ſaid *William Carlos* in purſuance of Our ſaid final compoſition and agreement, by his Deed under his Hand and Seal, bearing date the two and twentieth day of *May* in in the *Fifteenth* year of our *Reign*, and inrolled in Our High Court of Chancery, granted, *Surrendred*, and yeilded up unto usall that the ſaid *Ballaſting* of Ships and other Veſſels, the ſaid *Gravel* and

Carlos *therenpon ſurrenders to the King.*

Soil

Soil of the ſaid River of *Thames*, and the *cleanſing* thereof, with all and every Licenſes, Powers, Priviledges, Authorities, Profits, Commodities, and Advantages whatſoever, for the cleanſing of the ſaid River as aforeſaid, and other the premiſes, which in and by the ſaid recited Indenture of Demiſe were granted and demiſed, or mentioned to be granted or demiſed unto the ſaid Col. *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, and all the *Eſtate*, *Right*, *Title*, *Intereſt*, *Claim*, and *Demand* whatſoever of him the ſaid Col. *William Carlos* of and unto the ſame, and every part and parcel thereof, together with the ſame Indenture of Demiſe to be cancelled or made void, as in and by the ſaid Deed inrolled in our High Court of Chancery as aforeſaid, more at large may appear, Which ſurrender we did then accept.

And whereas We by our *Letters Patents*, bearing date the eighteenth day of *Auguſt* in the *Fifteenth year* of our *Reign*, did

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did, for the conſideration therein expreſſed, *give* and *grant* unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild or Fraternity of the moſt glorious and undividable *Trinity*, and of St *Clement* in the Pariſh Church of *Deptford Strond* in Our ſaid County of *Kent*, and to their Succeſſors for ever, to and for the uſes, intents, and purpoſes in the ſaid *Letters Patents* mentioned, the *Laſtage, Ballaſtage,* and ballaſting or loading of *Sand, Gravel, Earth, Chalk, Rubbiſh, Clay, Flints, Lime, Soap-aſhes, Brick, Tyles,* or any other things, Merchandizes or Commodities whatſoever, taken from any Wharf, Creek, Coaſts, or Shoar, upon or adjoyning to Our ſaid River of *Thames*, for Laſtage, Ballaſtage, or Loading, or uſed inſtead of ſuch Laſtage, Ballaſtage or Loading as aforeſaid, together with the *Office* of *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage*, and Ballaſting of all and all manner of Ships, Hoyes, Barks, Boats, or other Veſſels whatſoever coming or being, or which at any time then after ſhould be coming, floating, lying, or remaining

maining, iſſuing, paſſing, ſailing, or going in, upon, to, or out of the River of *Thames* or elſewhere, betwixt the Bridge of the City of *London* and the main Sea, or any Wharfe, Bank, Creek, Coaſt, Shoar, or any part of the ſame, or near, or adjoyning thereto, betwixt the *Bridge* of *London* aforeſaid toward the *Weſt part*, and the ſaid *Main Sea* towards the *Eaſt part*, of what Burthen ſoever ſuch Ship or Ships, Veſſel or Veſſels, were, or ſhould be, and by what other Name or Names ſoever, and in what kind or kinds ſoever the ſaid Ballaſtage and Laſtage, and ballaſting, was or might be called, reputed, or known, Exerciſed, or uſed. And further we did by the ſame Letters Patents, give and Grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford Strond*, in our ſaid County of *Kent*, and their Succeſſors for ever, to, and for the Uſes, intents, and purpoſes aforeſaid, the *Gravel*, *Sand*, and

Soil

Soil of the ſaid River of *Thames*, or any part and parcel thereof, for the ballaſting of Ships or other Veſſels, and for any other Uſe, or Uſes whatſoever.

All the waſt Grounds, &c. belonging to the River of Thames, granted alſo to the Trinity-Houſe.

And all our *Waſt Grounds* to the ſaid River belonging, with all *Purpreſtures*, *Incroachments*, *Improvements*, *Advantages*, and *Profits*, in, or upon the ſame, which ſhould or might appertain, or any way of right belong to Us, Our Heirs, or Succeſſors, from the *Bridge* of *Staines* to the Water of *Medway*. And further We did give, and Grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of the *Trinity-Houſe* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors for ever, full Power, Priviledg, and Authority, That they and their Succeſſors by themſelves, or by their Deputy, or Deputies, Agents, Factors, Workmen, and Servants, or any of them, from time to time, and at all times for ever thenafter, in all and every Place and Places whatſoever within the ſaid River, being to the

Damage and annoyance of the ſame, at their and every of their Wills and Pleaſures, ſhould and might *dig*, *take up*, *draw forth*, and *raiſe*, for the better furniſhing of Ships with ballaſt, the ſaid *Gravel*, *Sand*, or *Soil* out of the ſaid River, by all ſuch ways and means, as they or any of them ſhould think fit, ſo as the ſaid River might not be *annoyed* and made *Dangerous* to Ships, Lighters, Boats, and other Veſſels therein paſſing; and the ſaid Gravel and Soil, ſo by them, or any of them raiſed and taken up for the Uſes aforeſaid, to *Land* and *lay* on *Shoar* upon any of our *waſt ground*, in all and every convenient Place and Places, and to *take off* the ſame, as their or any of their occaſions ſhould require, and upon any *Wharfe* or *Wharfes* built, encroached, or gained, or which at any time then after ſhould be built, encroached, or gained from or upon our River of *Thames*, for the better ſupply of *Dry Ballaſt*, for all ſuch Ships and other Veſſels

Veſſels as ſhould carry *Cloath*, and other like *dry Goods*; And they the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, Deputies, and Aſſigns, ſolely and only to *convert*, *utter*, *diſpoſe*, and *ſell* the ſaid Gravel, Sand, and Soil of Our River aforeſaid. To have, hold, take, and enjoy the ſaid *Ballaſtage* and *Laſtage*, and Office of Ballaſtage and Laſtage, the ſaid Gravel, Sand, and Soil of the ſaid River, and the ſaid *waſt grounds* thereunto belonging, and all and ever other the premiſes thentofore, in, and by the ſaid Letters Patents, given and granted, or mentioned to be given and granted, with all and every *Fees*, *Advantages*, *Sallaries*, *Profits*, *Emoluments*, *Commodities*, and *Rights*, *Incidents*, and *Appurtenances* whatſoever, to, for, out of, or by reaſon of all or any of the premiſes, any way due, payable, accuſtomed, appertaining or belonging unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford-Strond* aforeſaid, and their

their Succeſſors for ever, by themſelves their Subſtitute or Subſtitutes, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſign or Aſſigns, to Uſe, Exerciſe, Execute, and *enjoy for ever*, for the *uſe* and *benefit* of the *Poor* aforeſaid, and to no other uſe, intent, or purpoſe whatſoever: And all and every the ſaid premiſes, to hold of Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as of our Manour of Eaſt *Greenwich* in our ſaid County of *Kent*, in *Free* and *Common Soccage*, and not in Capite, nor by Knights Service, under the *Yearly Rent* or Sum of *One Thouſand Marks* of lawful Mony of *England*, payable unto the ſaid *William Carlos* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, for and during the full End and Term of *One and Thirty years*, to *Commence* from the Feaſt of the *Annunciation* of the Bleſſed *Virgin Mary* laſt paſt, before the date of our ſaid Letters Patents, and from thenceforth fully to be compleat and ended as in and by Our ſaid Letters Patents, amongſt other things therein contained, relation being

ing thereunto had, more plainly and at large it doth and may appear.

The firſt Grant, ſurrendred by the Trinity-Houſe, *by reaſon of ſome doubts ariſing thereupon.*

And whereas certain *Controverſies*, *doubts*, and *queſtions* have ariſen concerning our ſaid Grant to the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford Strond*, whereupon the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, by their Deed under their common Seal, bearing date the ninth day of *December* laſt paſt, before the date of theſe preſents, and inrolled in our high Court of Chancery, have granted *ſurrendred*, and yielded up unto us the ſaid *Laſtage*, and *Ballaſtage*, and Office of Laſtage, and Ballaſtage, and Ballaſting of all, and all manner of Ships and other Veſſels aforeſaid, and all the *Waſts*, *Waſt-Grounds*, *Gravel*, *Sand*, and *Soil* aforeſaid, and all and ſingular the *Fees*, *Advantages*, *Sallaries*, *Profits*, *Liberties*, *Privileges*, *Emoluments*, *Commodities*, and *Rights*, *Incidents*, and *Appurtenances* whatſoever, to, for, out of, or by reaſon

reaſon of all, or any the premiſes, any way due, payable, accuſtomed, appertaining or belonging, in or by Our Letters Patents granted, or mentioned to be granted; And alſo all the Eſtate, Right, Title, Intereſt, Claim, and Demand whatſoever, of them the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of the *Trinity Houſe* of *Deptford Strond* aforeſaid, of, in, and unto the ſaid Laſtage, and Ballaſtage, and Office of Laſtage and Ballaſtage, or Ballaſting aforeſaid, and of, in, or unto the ſaid Waſts, Waſt-ground, Gravel, Sand, and Soil, or any part thereof, and of, in, and to all and ſingular other the Fees, advantages, ſallaries, profits, Liberties, priviledges, emoluments, commodities, and all other things whatſoever thereunto, or any part thereof, belonging or appertaining, or therewithall, by our *Letters Patents* aforeſaid, Granted, or mentioned, or intended to be Granted, together with our Letters Patents aforeſaid, to be *Cancelled* and made *void*,

which ſaid Surrender we have accepted of, and by theſe preſents do accept.

The Ballaſtage, regranted to the Trinity-Houſe, *for the relief of poor Seamen, their Wives,&c.*

Now whereas many decayed *Seamen*, their *Wives*, *Widdows*, and *Orphans*, have from time to time received good *relief* by the hands of the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid *Trinity Houſe* of *Deptford Strond*, out of the *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage*, raiſed and taken forth of our ſaid River of *Thames*, for Ballaſting of Ships and other Veſſels; Know ye, that we, as well for the conſiderations aforeſaid, as for the conſideration of the ſaid Surrender, and for divers other good cauſes and conſiderations Us hereunto eſpecially moving, of Our eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer motion, have *Given* and *Granted*, and by theſe preſents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do *give* and *Grant* unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the ſaid Guild, or Fraternity, of the moſt Glorious and individable *Trinity*, and of St. *Clement*, in

in the Pariſh Church of *Deptford Strond* in our ſaid County of *Kent*, and to their Succeſſors for ever, to and for the uſes, intents, and purpoſes aforeſaid, the *Laſtage*, *Ballaſtage*, and Ballaſting or loading of *Sand*, *Gravel*, *Soil*, *Stones*, *Earth*, *Chalk*, *Rubbiſh*, *Clay*, *Flints*, *Lime*, *Soape Aſhes*, *Bricks*, *Tyles*, or any other things, Merchandizes, or Commodities whatſoever, taken from any *Wharfe*, *Creek*, *Coaſt*, *Bank*, or *Shoar* upon, or adjoyning to our ſaid River of *Thames*, for *Laſtage*, *Ballaſtage*, and Ballaſting or Loading, or uſed inſtead of ſuch Laſtage, Ballaſting or Loading as aforeſaid, Together with the *Office* of *Laſtage* and *Ballaſtage*, and ballaſting of all and all manner of *Ships*, *Hoyes*, *Boats*, *Barks*, and all other Veſſels whatſoever, coming or being, or which hereafter at any time ſhall be coming, floating, lying or remaining, iſſuing, paſſing, ſailing or going in, upon, to, or out of the River *Thames*, or elſewhere, betwixt the *Bridge* of the

What to be accounted Ballaſt

The Ballaſt of all Veſſels paſſing between the Bridge of London, and the main Sea.

City of *London* and the *Main Sea*, or any Wharfe, Bank, Creek, Coaſt, ſhoar, or any part of the ſame, or near or adjoyning thereunto, betwixt the Bridge of *London* aforeſaid towards the *Weſt part*, and the ſaid Main Sea towards the *Eaſt part*, of what Burthen ſoever ſuch Ship or Ships, Veſſel or Veſſels be, or ſhall be, and by what other Name or Names ſoever, and in what kind or kinds ſoever the ſaid Ballaſtage or Laſtage is, or may be called, reputed, known, exerciſed, or uſed.

Grant alſo of the Gravel, Sand, *and* Soil, *of the River, to the* Trinity-Houſe.

And further, We do by theſe preſents for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, Give and Grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of the ſaid *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford Strond*, in Our ſaid County of *Kent*, and their Succeſſors for ever, to, and for the uſes, intents, and purpoſes aforeſaid, the *Gravel*, *Sand*, and *Soil*, of the ſaid River of *Thames*, and every part and parcel thereof for the *Ballaſting* of Ships and other Veſſels; and

And further, We have given and Granted, and by theſe preſents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do give and Grant to the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſtants* of *Trinity Houſe* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors for ever, full power, priviledge, and authority, that they and their Succeſſors, by themſelves or by their Deputy or Deputies, Agents, Factors, Workmen and Servants, or any of them, from time to time, and at all times for ever hereafter, in all and every place and places whatſoever within the ſaid River, being to the *damage* and *annoyance* of the ſame, at their and every of their Wills and pleaſures, ſhall and may *dig*, *take up*, *draw forth*, and *raiſe*, for the better furniſhing of Ships with ballaſt, the ſaid *Gravel*, *Sand*, and *Soil*, out of the ſaid River, by all ſuch ways and means, as they or any of them ſhall think fit, ſo as the ſaid River may not be *annoyed* and made *dangerous* to Ships, Lighters, Boats, and other Veſſels therein paſſing; and

To dig, and take up the ſaid Gravel, *&c. as they ſhall think fit, ſo it annoy not the River.*

the ſaid *Geavel*, *Sand*, and *Soil* ſo by them, or any of them, raiſed and taken up for the uſe aforeſaid, to *Land*, and *lay on ſhore* on any of our *Waſt grounds* (other then, and *except* on ſuch waſt grounds, or Wharfes, as are already granted, or ſhall be granted by Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, to our truſty and well beloved Servants, *Sir Robert Killigrew* Knight, and *Edward Progers* Eſq; one of the Grooms of our Bed Chamber) and every convenient Place or Places, and to *take off* the ſame as their or any of their occaſions ſhall require, And upon any *Wharfe* or *Wharfes* built, or which at any time hereafter ſhall be built upon our River of *Thames*, for the better ſupply of *dry Ballaſt*, for all ſuch Ships and other Veſſels as ſhall carry *Cloath*, and other like *Dry goods*, they firſt agreeing with the Owners thereof for the ſame; And they the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, Deputies, and Aſſigns, ſolely, and only to *convert*, *utter*, *diſ-*

To lay the ſame, aſhore on any Waſt-ground, not granted to others.

And upon any Wharfe, agreeing with the Owners for the ſame.

And they only to ſell the ſame.

diſpoſe, and *ſell* the ſaid *Gravel*, *Sand*, and *Soil*, of Our River aforeſaid.

To *have*, *hold*, *take*, and *enjoy* the ſaid *Ballaſtage* and *Laſtage*, and Office of *Ballaſtage* and *Laſtage*, the ſaid *Gravel*, *Sand*, and *Soil* of the ſaid River, in and by theſe preſents, given and Granted, or mentioned to be given or Granted, with all and every *fees*, *advantages*, *ſallaries*, *profits*, *emoluments*, *Commodities*, and *rights*, *incidents*, and *appurtenances* whatſoever, to, for, out of, or by reaſon of all, or any of the premiſes, any way due payable, accuſtomed, appertaining or belonging unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Trinity Houſe* of *Deptford Strond*, and their Succeſſors *for ever*, by themſelves their Subſtitute or Subſtitutes, Deputy or Deputies, Aſſign, or Aſſigns, to uſe, Exerciſe, Execute, and enjoy for ever, for the *Uſe* and *benefit* of the *Poor* aforeſaid, and to no other uſe, intent, or purpoſe whatſoever; And all and every the

To enjoy the ſaid Ballaſtage, &c. with all the Fees and Profits thereof for ever.

For the Uſe and benefit of the Poor.

the ſaid premiſes to hold of Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as of our Mannor of Eaſt *Greenwich*, in our ſaid County of *Kent*, in free and common *Soccage*, and not in Capite nor by Knights ſervice. *Yeilding*, and *paying*, and the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity Houſe* aforeſaid, for themſelves, and their Succeſſors, do Covenant, Promiſe, Grant, and agree to and with Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, by theſe preſents, to yield, and pay, or cauſe to be yielded and payed to the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, for and during the reſidue and remainder of the ſaid Term of *One* and *thirty years*, heretofore granted to the ſaid *William Carlos* as aforeſaid, the yearly Rent or Sum of *one Thouſand Marks* of lawful Mony of *England*, at the Feaſts of the *Annunciation* of the Bleſſed *Virgin Mary*, and St. *Michael* the Archangel, by even and equal portions, or within *forty days* next after either of the ſame Feaſts.

Paying Carlos *yearly* 1000 *Marks for the remainder of* 31 *years.*

And

And the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity Houſe*, do hereby Covenant and promiſe, that they, and their Succeſſors, ſhall and will by the beſt means and ways they can, provide and take care, that the *Gravel*, *Sand* and *Soil* by them to be taken out of the ſaid River, be raiſed and taken out, and from ſuch *ſhelves* and places of the ſaid River, as are or ſhall be of *Danger* to *ſhipping* in the ſaid River, and for the *bettering* and more ſafety of the ſame; And the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, for themſelves and their Succeſſors, do further Covenant, promiſe, and agree, to and with Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, by theſe preſents, that they, and their Succeſſors, and Aſſigns, or ſome of them, ſhall and will, at their *own* proper *Coſts* and *Charges*, *provide*, and have ſuch numbers of *Lighters*, great and ſmall, as ſhall be from time to time ſufficient upon all Occaſions, for the *Exporting* and the *Importing* of the ſaid *Ballaſt*, as well to and from the

Trinity-Houſe Covenants to take up their Gravel, &c. from ſuch ſhelfes as are dangerous to ſhipping.

To have ſufficient number of Lighters for ballasting Ships.

the ſaid Wharfes, as unto all ſuch Ships Barks, or Veſſels, that ſhall have uſe of the ſame, which ſaid *Lighters* ſhall be juſtly *gaged* and *marked*, that the Burthen and bigneſs of ſuch Lighters may be certainly known, to the End that all *abuſes* and *deceits*, between the buyers and ſellers of the ſaid Gravel and Sand, either in the *quantity* or *weight* thereof, may from time to time be prevented and avoided, And that they the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, Deputies, Agents, and Aſſigns, ſhall and will, from time to time for ever hereafter, *provide*, *utter*, *furniſh* and *ſell* the ſaid *Gravel*, *Sand*, and *Soil*, for the Ballaſting of all Ships, Barks, and Veſſels in the ſaid River, that ſhall have uſe thereof, at the *rates* and *priſes accuſtomed*; provided *payment* be made within *ſix Tydes*, after the delivery thereof, or elſe to pay *double* the accuſtomed Duty.

Lighters to be Gaged and marked to prevent deceit.

Ballaſt to be ſold at the Rates accuſtomed.

Payment to be made therefore within ſix Tydes, or to pay double.

And further, of Our more eſpecial Grace

Grace, Certain Knowledge, and meer motion, as well for the conſideration aforeſaid, as alſo for the better advancement of the ſaid work of *cleanſing* the ſaid River, and the more ſpeedy and effectual performance, perfecting, and accompliſhment of the ſame, ſo much tending to the *beneſit* of the *Common-wealth*, We have given and Granted, and by theſe preſents for Us Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do give and grant unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of *Trinity houſe* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, Deputies, and Aſſigns, all and ſingular *Contributions*, *Fines*, and other Sum and Sums of Mony whatſoever, which have been taken, or hereafter ſhall be ſet, or impoſed upon any *perſon* or *perſons* whatſoever, *City*, or *Town Corporate*, by all or any *Acts* of *Parliament*, or by any *Commiſſion* or *Commiſſions* of *Sewers* or otherwiſe, for, or towards the removing of *Shelves*, and other annoyances in the ſaid River, which are, ſhall, or may appertain, or

Gives all Fines ſet or impos'd, for removal of ſhelves &c. in the River.

How to be recover'd.

or any way in right belong to *Us*, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors; Together with full *power*, and abſolute *Authority* unto the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of *Trinity-Houſe* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, and Aſſigns to *ſue for*, *recover*, *receive* and *take* the ſaid contributions, fines, and other Sum and Sums of mony as aforeſaid, either in the name of Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, or otherwiſe, in the Name of the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity-Houſe* aforeſaid, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, in any of our *Courts* or elſewhere, for and towards the *cleanſing* of the ſaid River, from *ſhelves* and other Annoyances. And Our further Will and Pleaſure is, And We do hereby authorize and require our *Treaſurer*, *Chancellour*, *Under Treaſurer*, *Chamberlains*, and *Barons* of our *Exchecquer*, for the time being, and alſo our *Attorney General* for the time being, and all and every the *Officers* and Miniſters of our ſaid Court for the time being, and

How to be recover'd.

The Treaſurer, and all Officers of the Exchecquer, commanded to aſſiſt them therein.

whom it ſhall and may concern, that they and every of them, at the deſire and requeſt of the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity-Houſe* aforeſaid, their Succeſſors, Deputies, and Aſſigns, and at their *Own* proper *Coſts* and *Charges*, do *award*, *make*, and *deliver*, or cauſe to be *awarded, made*, and *delivered* unto him, them, or any of them, all and every *Writ* and *Writs, Proceſſes, Judgments, Executions* and *Proceedings*, in the Name of Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as ſhall, or may be neceſſary, for the more ſpeedy *recovery* of the ſaid *Contributions, Fines*, and other Sum and Sums of Mony, that ſhall be ſo behind and unpaid as aforeſaid, and as are agreeable unto, and may ſtand and conſiſt with the Ancient Courſe and practice of Our ſaid *Court* of *Exchequer* heretofore uſed for recovering of debts, and that they and every of them, be from time to time, *aiding* and *Aſſiſting* to the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity-Houſe* aforeſaid, and their Suc-

To pay the King One third part of all the ſaid Fines upon Oath.

Succeſſors and Aſſigns, in the premiſes, as it becometh in their ſeveral Places reſpectively; And the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens* and *Aſſiſtants*, for themſelves, and their Succeſſors, do Covenant, promiſe, Grant, and agree to, and with *Us*, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, by theſe preſents to render an *Accompt* upon *Oath*, and *pay* unto Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, into Our *Exchecquer* at *Weſtminſter*, at the ſaid Feaſts of St. *Michael* the Archangel, and the *Annunciation* of the Bleſſed *Virgin* Mary, one full and whole *Third part* (in three parts to be divided) of all the clear *profit*, of all and every the aforeſaid *Contributions*, *Fines*, and *Forfeitures* aforeſaid, which ſhall be or may be by them, or their Succeſſors, obtained, recovered, and received as aforeſaid, over, above, and beſides the aforeſaid yearly Rent, of one Thouſand Marks, before, in, and by theſe preſents, reſerved, and Covenanted to be paid to the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, as aforeſaid. And

And to the End the ſaid Service herein may the better be performed, and that neither the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity-Houſe* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, Deputies, Servants or Aſſigns, or any of them, may be *hindred* or *Letted* in the managing of the ſaid work of *Ballaſting* of Ships, and *cleanſing* of the ſaid *River* aforeſaid, Our further Will and Pleaſure is, And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, ſtrictly charge, will, require, and command, all and every Our *Officers* and *Miniſters* whomſoever, and all others to whom it ſhall or may appertain, that they and every of them do forbear to *arreſt*, *preſs*, or *take* for the *Service* of *Us*, Our Heirs, or Succeſſors, or perſonally to *ſerve* in any *Office* or *Place*, *military* or *Civil*, any perſon or perſons being *members* of the ſaid *Corporation*, or any the *Officers*, *Factors*, *Workmen*, or *Servants*, or any the *Boats*, *Lighters*, or other *Veſſels* of the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or their

Trinity-Houſe with its ſervants, workmen, &c. exempted from all Offices Civil and Military.

Their Boats and Lighters alſo not to be preſs'd.

Succeſſors, Deputies, or Aſſigns, or any of them imployed, or to be imployed in and about the ſaid *ballaſting* of Ships, and the ſaid work of *cleanſing* the ſaid River as aforeſaid, *Except We*, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, or the Lords and others of our, or their *Privy Council* for the time being, ſhall be firſt *acquainted* therewith, and his and their *Licenſe* ſhall be had and obtained in that behalf.

Except by order of Council.

And We do further by theſe preſents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, Covenant, promiſe, and grant, to and with the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of *Trinity-Houſe* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that *We*, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, ſhall and will, from time to time, and at all and every time and times hereafter, *free*, *acquit*, *diſcharge*, *exonerate* and *ſave harmleſs*, the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, off and from all *Claims*, *Intereſts*, and *demands* whatſoever, which any

Acquits them from all Claims of any Lord Admiral for the time to come.

any Lord *Admiral* or *Admirals* ſhall or may make, or pretend to have in and to the *Ballaſting* of any Ships, Barks or other Veſſels within the ſaid *River*, before, in, and by theſe preſents given and granted, or any part or parcel thereof.

Proviſion for due payment of Carlos's Rent,

Provided always, And Our Will and Pleaſure is, And the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, for themſelves and their Succeſſors, do by theſe preſents Covenant, promiſe and agree, not only to and with Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, but alſo, to and with the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, and every of them, that if it ſhall happen the ſaid *Yearly Rent* of *One Thouſand Marks*, herein before reſerved and payable to and for the uſe of the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to *be behind* or *unpaid*, in part or in all, by the ſpace of *one month* next and immediately inſuing the ſaid

To pay him five pound for every Month, after the rent is due.

forty days of either of the ſaid *Feaſts*, in which the ſame ought to be paid as aforeſaid, that the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtans* of *Trinity Houſe* aforeſaid, ſhall and will *forfeit* and *pay*, or cauſe to be forfeited and paid unto the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, for *every month* after the ſaid *forty days*, wherein the ſame ought to be paid as aforeſaid, the ſums of *five pounds*, in the Name of a *Pain*, to and for the further *Uſe* and benefit of the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns. And that the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, may the better *recover* the ſaid *yearly rent* of *One Thouſand Marks*, and the ſaid Sum of *five pounds* (*nomine pœnæ*) reſerved and payable as aforeſaid; Our Will and Pleaſure is, and of Our eſpecial Grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, We have given and Granted, and by theſe preſents for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, do give

Carlos may ſue for Non-Payment.

give and Grant unto the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, full *Power*, *Licenſe*, and *Authority*, by all lawful ways and means, to *ſue*, *implead*, and *proſecute*, or cauſe be ſued, impleaded, and proſecuted, in our *Court* of *Exchecquer*, in the Name of Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, or in his own Name, or the Name of his Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, but at *his* and their own proper *coſts* and *charges*, the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of the *Trinity Houſe* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, as well for the ſaid yearly rent of *One Thouſand Marks*, as alſo for the ſaid ſume of *five pounds*, ſo reſerved and payable as aforeſaid, and every part and parcel thereof. And Our further will and Pleaſure is, and We do hereby authorize, and require our *Treaſurer*, *Chancellour*, *Under Treaſurer*, *Chamberlains*, and *Barons* of Our *Exchecquer* for the time being, and alſo our *Attorny General* for the time being, and all and e-

The Treaſurer and all other the Officers of the Exchecquer, commanded to aſſiſt him therein.

very the *Officers* and *Miniſters* of our ſaid Court for the time being, whom it ſhall or may concern, That they and every of them at the deſire and requeſt of the ſaid *William Carlos* his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, and at *his* and *their Own* proper *coſts* and *charges*, do *award*, *make*, and *deliver*, or cauſe to be *awarded*, *made* and *delivered* unto him, them, or any of them, all and every ſuch *Writ* and *Writs*, *Proceſs*, *Judgments*, *Executions*, and *proceedings*, in the Name of Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as ſhall or may be neceſſary for the more ſpeedy *recovery*, as well of the ſaid yearly Rent of *one thouſand Marks*, as of the ſaid Sum of *five pounds* (*nominæ penæ*) that ſhall be ſo *behind* and *unpaid* as aforeſaid, and as are agreeable unto, and may ſtand and conſiſt with the Ancient courſe and practice of our ſaid *Exchecquer*, heretofore uſed for recovery of Debts, and that they and every of them be from time to time *aiding* and *aſſiſting* to

to the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, in the premiſes, as it becometh in their ſeveral places reſpectively: And Our further Will and Pleaſure is, that in caſe upon any ſuch *Suit* or *Suits* to be made and proſecuted in Our Name as aforeſaid, or otherwiſe, the ſaid Rent of *One Thouſand Marks*, or any part or parcel thereof ſhall be *recover'd* and *paid* into Our *Exchecquer*, That then We do by theſe preſents, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, authorize and require our ſaid *Treaſurer*, *Chancellour*, *Under Treaſurer*, *Chamberlains*, and *Barons* of our *Exchecquer*, and all other the *Officers* and *Miniſters* of Our ſaid Court, now and for the time being, that they and every of them reſpectively do from time to time, *iſſue* and *pay*, or cauſe to be iſſued and paid unto the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, or Aſſigns, to *his* and their *own uſe* and uſes, all ſuch Sum and Sums of Mony ſo paid into our *Exchecquer* as

Exchecquer to pay Carlos all Mony recover'd and paid thereinto, without Fee.

aforeſaid, *without accompt*, or any Fee or Fees to be rendred, made or given for the ſame; And theſe Our *Letters Patents*, or the exemplification or duplicate thereof, ſhall be unto our ſaid *Officers* and *Miniſters* of our ſaid *Exchequer*, a ſufficient *Warrant* and *diſcharge* in that behalf.

Ballaſt not to annoy any of the King's Pallaces.

Provided nevertheleſs, and the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, of *Trinity Houſe* aforeſaid, for them and their Succeſſors, do hereby Covenant, promiſe, and agree, to and with *Us*, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, that they nor any of their Agents, Factors, Servants, Deputies or Aſſigns, ſhall and will do any thing that ſhall be *prejudicial*, *nuſant*, or *Obnoxious* to any of our *Pallaces*, *Houſes* or *buildings*, in Our ſaid County of *Kent*, nor that they nor any of them, ſhall and will *lay*, or cauſe to be layed, any *Gravel*, *Sand*, *Soil*, or other thing for *Ballaſtage*, upon any the *waſt grounds* or *Wharfes* already *Granted*, or that ſhall

Nor to be laid on any Waſt-Ground, or Wharfe granted to others.

ſhall be hereafter granted by Us, unto them the ſaid *Robert Killigrew* Knight, and *Edward Progers* Eſquire, or do any other thing that may in any wiſe *infringe* or *intrench* upon the *waſt grounds* or *Wharfes* already granted, or which ſhall be hereafter granted unto them the ſaid Sir *Robert Killigrew* and *Edward Progers*, any thing in theſe preſents contained to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Provided alſo, that if the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity Houſe* aforeſaid, or their Succeſſors, ſhall not within *ſix Months*, next after the date hereof, cauſe theſe our *Letters Patents*, and the ſaid *yearly Rent*, and Sums of Mony, as well reſerved and payable unto *Us*, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, as unto the ſaid *William Carlos*, his Executors, Adminiſtrators, and Aſſigns, to be duely *entered*, and put in charge with the *Auditor* of Our *Revenue* for the City of *London*, and theſe Our *Letters Patents*

This Grant to be inroll'd within ſix Months.

With the Kings Auditor for London, *and Clerk of the Pipe.*

Patents to be alſo *enrolled* with the *Clerk* of the *Pipe* in the *Exchecquer*, to the End the ſaid yearly Rent, or Sums of Mony, may be duely charged, anſwered, and paid according to the intent and meaning of theſe Preſents; That then, and in every ſuch Caſe, the ſaid *Maſter*, *VVardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors ſhall *forfeit* and *pay* to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, for every *ſix Months default* of ſuch *Enrolement* as aforeſaid, the Sum of *Ten pounds* (*Nominæ penæ*,) until theſe our *Letters Patents* ſhall be duely *entered*, and *Inrolled* as aforeſaid.

Or to forfeit Ten pound for every ſix Months default.

Several Lords of the Council, aſſign'd to hear and redreſs all complaints about the Ballaſtage.

And Our further Will and Pleaſure is, And We do by theſe preſents, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, declare, will, and ordain, that it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the *Lord Chancellor* of *England*, Or *Lord Keeper* of the *Great Seal* of *England*, *Lord Treaſurer*, *Lord Preſident* of our *Privy Council*, and *Lord Privy Seal*, or any of them,

them, calling both the *Chief Juſtices* of either Bench, or One of them, upon all and every *Complaints* to be made by the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,* and *Aſſiſtants*, or their Deputies, Subſtitutes, and Aſſigns, of any *Offences*, or other matters or things touching and concerning the *Ballaſting* of Ships or Veſſels, and other the premiſes as aforeſaid, contrary to the true meaning of theſe preſents, from time to time to *hear*, and *finally* to *determine* every ſuch *complaint*, matter, and thing by their Diſcretions, and to put ſuch *Order* therein, according to the intent of theſe preſents, as by their *diſcretions* ſhall ſeem moſt convenient for the *Conſervation* of the ſaid River of *Thames*; and the parties *offending* ſuch Order to ſuffer *Impriſonment* and *Fine*, to the uſe of Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, according to the intent of the *Statute* in that behalf made and provided.

Parties offending their order to ſuffer Fine and impriſonment.

27 Henry 8. Chap. 18.

And to the End, the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens,*

Officers of the Cuſtoms at London to clear no ſhip, till the Duties to the Ballaſt Office be paid.

Wardens, and their *Aſſiſtants*, their Succeſſors, Deputies, and Aſſigns, may be the better enabled to receive, and *recover* the *Duties* and *Fees* belonging to the ſaid *Office*; Our Will and pleaſure is, and we do hereby for Us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, ſtreightly *Charge* and *Command* our *Officers*, and other Perſons whatſoever imployed in our *Cuſtoms*, and the Cuſtoms of our Heirs and Succeſſors, in our Port of *London*, and our Officers imployed in the Office called the *Searchers Office*, *Coaſt* or *Cocket Office*, and others whatſoever, not to *Give* or *Deliver*, or permit to be Given or Delivered, any *Cocket*, *Content*, or other *Clearing Bill*, or *Diſcharge* to any *Ship* or other Veſſel whatſoever, whether bound *over Sea*, or Trading Ships or Veſſels called *Coaſters*, until the *Duties* and *Fees* belonging to the ſaid *Ballaſt Office* be *paid* to the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or their Deputies and Aſſigns, and that *Certificates* thereof be produced under

under the *hands* of the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or their Deputy or Deputies for that purpoſe appointed: And we do further by theſe preſents *command* all *Searchers* at *Graveſend*, that they do not *permit* any *Ship* or other Veſſels whatſoever to be *cleared*, or proceed to Sea or *paſs away*, without *Certificate* from the ſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or their Deputies or Aſſigns, that the ſaid *Fees* and *Duties* are *paid* as aforeſaid, as they will anſwer the contrary at their utmoſt Perils. And the ſaid *Officers* of our *Cuſtoms*, and *Searchers* are hereby Commanded to *make good* all ſuch *loſs* and *damage*, as ſhall from time to time happen to be ſuſtained by *their defaults* reſpectively.

Nor ſearchers at Graveſend *to clear any Ship, without Certificate from the* Trinity-Houſe *of the ſaid Duties being paid.*

Or to make good all loſſes.

And We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors, further promiſe, and Grant unto the aforeſaid *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity-Houſe* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that if, and as often as any *doubts* or *queſtions*

This Grant to be renewed and ſtrengthned when and as often as deſired.

ſtions ſhall happen to ariſe, for, touching, or concerng the *Validity* of theſe Our *Letters Patents*, that then and ſo often, upon the humble *Petition* of the aforeſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, to *Us*, Our Heirs, and Succeſſors exhibited, or upon Notice and *Certificate* to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, by the *Learned Council* of the aforeſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, or their Succeſſors, touching any *defect* requiſite to be *amended*, We our Heirs, and Succeſſors, will graciouſly grant *other Letters Patents* unto the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, with ſuch and ſo many *Amendments, Explanations, Amplifications*, and *Additions*, for ſupplying the ſaid *defects* requiſite to be amended, as by the *Council* of the aforeſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, and their Succeſſors, ſhall be *adviſed, deviſed*, or *required*.

And laſtly, our Will and Pleaſure is, that theſe preſents ſhall be Good and

Effectual

Effectual in the *Law* to all Intents and Purpoſes, notwithſtanding any *former Grant* or Grants heretofore Made or Granted of the Premiſes, or any part or parcel thereof, by *Us*, or any of Our *Progenitors*, unto any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever; Or the *not Reciteing*, or not truly Reciteing of ſuch *Grants* or any of them, *Although Expreſs Mention* of the true *Yearly value* or Certainty of the Premiſes, or of any of them, or of any *Other Gifts* or *Grants* by *Us*, or by any of Our *Progenitors* or *Predeceſſors*, heretofore made to the ſaid *Maſter, Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants* of *Trinity Houſe* aforeſaid, in theſe Preſents is *not made*; or any *Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proviſion, Proclamation*, or *Reſtriction* heretofore Had, Made, Enacted, Ordained, or Provided, or any other Matter, Cauſe, or Thing whatſoever to the *Contrary* thereof in any wiſe *Notwithſtanding*. *In Witneſs* whereof We have cauſed theſe our *Letters* to be made *Patents, Witneſs*

No Former Grants, nor Errors in Recital, or Omiſſions are to hurt this Grant.

our

our Self at *Weſtminſter*, the *Four and Twentieth day* of *June*, in the *Seventeenth* Year of our *Reign*.

By Writ of Privy Seal:

VYNER.

By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

For Prohibiting Dirt-Boats, and Bum-Boats, upon the River of *Thames*.

Charles R.

WHereas several Dirt-Boats, and Bum-Boats, do usually pass to and fro upon the River of Thames, the Owners whereof will not submit to the Government of the Company of VVatermen, nor any other Regulation whatsoever; But under pretence of Fetching Dirt, and Furnishing necessary Provisions on Board such Ships as are in the River, do commit divers Thefts and Robberies, and practice several other Insufferable Mildemeanours, and sometimes endanger the Fireing

His Majesties own Ships, as also the Ships of divers Merchants Riding in the River, by coming in the Night-time to assist such as are left on Board the Ships, in the Imbezlement of the Goods, Stores, or Tackling, Intrusted to their Charges: His Majesty therefore, by Advice of His Privy Council, hath thought fit to Publish this His Royal Proclamation, And doth hereby straitly Charge and Command all and every person and persons whom it doth or may concern, That they presume not hencefoyth to use any such Dirt-Boats or Bum-Boats upon any pretence or occasion whatsoever, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost Perils. And if any such Boats shall hereafter be found upon the River of Thames, contrary to the Tenour of this His Majesties Proclamation, His Majesty doth hereby straitly Charge and Command the Master, Wardens,

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Assistans, and Brethren of the Trinity House, the Officers of His Majesties Yards, and the Masters and Rulers of the Company of VVatermen for the time being, and others whom it may concern, That they cause such Dirt-Boats and Bum-Boats to be Seized, and the persons so using the same, to be Arrested and brought before His Majesty and His Privy Council; And that they do from time to time take strict care that this His Majesties Proclamation may be duely put in Execution.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Sixth day of *April*, In the Twenty third year of His Majesties Reign.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

By the King,

A PROCLAMATION

For Regulating the Colours to be worn on Merchants Ships.

Charles R.

Whereas by ancient Usage no Merchants Ship ought to bear the Jack, which is for Distinction appointed for His Majesties Ships; Nevertheless, His Majesty is informed, That divers of His Majesties Subjects have of late presumed to wear His Majestis Jack on board their Ships employed in Merchants Affairs, and thinking to evade the Punishment due for the same, bear Jacks in Shape and mixture of Colours

lours, so little different from those of His Majesty, as not to be without difficulty distinguished there from: Which practice is found attended with manifold Inconveniences: For prevention whereof for the future His Majesty hath thought fit, with the Advice of His Privy Council, by this His Royal Proclamation, strictly to Charge and Command all His Subjects whatsoever, That from henceforth they do not presume to wear His Majesties Jack (commony called, The Union Jack) in any of their Ships or Vessels, without particular Warrant for their so doing from His Majesty, or the Lord High Admiral of England, or the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the time being; And His Majesty doth hereby further Command all His Loving Subjects, That without such Warrant as aforesaid, they presume not to wear

on board their Ships or Vessels, any Jacks made in imitation of His Majesties, or any other Flags, Jacks or Ensigns whatsoever, then those usually heretofore worn on Merchants Ships, viz. The Flag and Jack white, with a Red Cross, (commonly called Saint George's Cross) passing quite through the same: And the Ensign Red, with the like Cross in a Canton White, at the upper Corner thereof next to the Staff.

And His Majesty doth hereby require the principal Officers and Commissioners of His Navy, Governours of His Forts and Castles, the Officers of his Customs, and Commanders or Officers of any of His Majesties Ships, or upon their meeting with, or otherwise observing any Merchants Ships or Vessels of His Majesties Subjects wearing such a Flag, Jack, or Ensign contrary hereunto, whether at Sea, or in Port, not onely to cause such Flag, Jack, or

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Enſign to be forthwith Seiſed, but to return the Names of the ſaid Ships and Veſſels, together with the Names of their reſpective Maſters, unto the Lord High Admiral, Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, or the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty for the time being, to the end the perſons offending may be duly Puniſhed for the ſame.

And His Majeſty doth hereby Command and Enjoyn the Judge and Judges of the High Court of Admiralty for the time being, that at the ſeveral Seſſions to be hereafter held by His Majeſties Commiſſion of Oyer and Terminer for the Admiralty, they give in Charge, that ſtrict enquiry be made of all Offences in the Premiſſes, and that they cauſe all offenders therein to be duly puniſhed: And all Vice-Admirals and Judges of Vice-Admiralties, are alſo to do the ſame, and to attend the due obſervation hereof within

the several Ports and Places of their respective Precincts.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the Eighteenth day of *September* 1674. In the Six and twentieth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesties Command.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

ORDERS, CONSTITUTIONS, AND BY-LAWS,

Made by the

Maſter, VVardens, and Aſſiſtants, of the Guild, Fraternity or Brotherhood, of the moſt Glorious and Individable

TRINITY,

AND OF

St. *CLEMENT* in the Pariſh of *Deptford-Strond*, in the County of *Kent*.

Touching the

Conſervation, good Eſtate, wholeſome Government, Maintenance, and Encreaſe of the Navigation of this Kingdom; and of the Mariners, and Sea-faring Men within the ſame.

By Vertue of

Several Charters, and Letters Patents, made unto the ſaid Corporation by ſeveral KINGS and QUEENS of this Realm.

And Particularly of a

Charter of Conſtitution and Confirmation of the ſame, made by our moſt Gracious Sovereign *JAMES* the Second, by the Grace of God of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland* King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

Dated the Eighth day of July, *in the Firſt year of his Majeſties Reign.*

Orders, Conſtitutions, and By-Laws,

Made by the Maſter, Wardens, *and* Aſſiſtants, *of the* Guild, Fraternity, *or* Brotherhood, *of the moſt Glorious and Individable* Trinity, *and of St.* Clement *in the Pariſh of* Deptford-Strond, *in the County of* Kent.

IMprimis, It is Ordered, that if any *Maſter*, or *Pilot*, *Mariner* or *Seaman*, belonging unto or taking charge of any Ship or Veſſel within the River of *Thames*, ſhall at any time be *Summoned* to come before

The Penalties of Maſters, Pilots *and* Seamen, *for not appearing at the* Trinity-Houſe *upon* Summons.

fore this *Corporation*, at any of their *Courts* holden at the *Trinity-Houſe*, or other uſual place of their meeting, and ſhall *deny* or *refuſe* to *appear* upon any ſuch ſummons, (lawful and reaſonable excuſes always excepted) they ſhall *forfeit* and pay (if a *Maſter* or *Pilot*) for every ſuch default *thirteen-ſhillings* and *four pence*; and if a *Mariner* or *Seaman*, for his *firſt* default *two-ſhillings*, for his *ſecond*, *three ſhillings* and *four pence*, to the uſe of the *Poor* of this *Corporation*; and for the *third* offence, both Maſter and Pilot, Mariner and Seaman, ſhall be further puniſhed at the diſcretion of this Company, the *Fine* not exceeding

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ing *forty ſhillings* for a *Maſter* or *Pilot*, and *twenty ſhillings* for a *Mariner*.

II.

The Penalty of Maſters of Ships going to Sea, without paying their Duties to the Trinity-Houſe.

Item, Whereas heretofore ſundry *Maſters* of Ships have *gone to Sea*, without paying ſuch *Duties* as they ought to have paid to this *Corporation* at the time of their going; It is therefore ordered, that whatſoever *Maſter* of a Ship ſhall from henceforth *go to Sea*, before he hath paid all ſuch *Duties* as he ſhall then owe to this *Corporation* (they being of him demanded before his going), ſhall at his next *Return* into the River of *Thames*, pay *double* ſo much as he ought to have paid at

at his going to Sea, *over and beſides the Duties* which from him may grow due for the ſaid Voyage at his Return.

III.

The Penalty of a Maſter and other Officers, for not giving their attendance on board as required.

Item, It is ordered, that from the time that any *Ship* or *Veſſel* within the River of *Thames*, or any *Creek* or *Harbour* of the ſame, ſhall firſt *receive* into her any *Merchants Goods*, to be tranſported into any parts beyond the Seas, the *Maſter* or his *Mate* ſhall every day be aboard the ſaid Ship or Veſſel, to ſee the ſaid *Merchants Goods* ſafely *taken in*, beſtowed, and placed within the ſaid Ship, if ſhe ſhall be at *Blackwall* or *above*: And likewiſe upon the

Return

Return of every Ship from their Voyages, the *Maſter* or his *Mate* ſhall be aboard *every day*, to ſee and provide that the *Merchants Goods* be orderly and ſafely *delivered out* of the ſaid Ship, if ſhe ſhall be at *Blackwal* or *above* as aforeſaid, (lawful and reaſonable Excuſes always excepted); and if the ſaid Ship ſhall be *below Blackwall*, then the *Maſter* or his *Mate* ſhall be aboard *three times* in a *week*, or every other day, for the purpoſes aforeſaid. And for every time their *neglecting* ſo to do, they ſhall *forfeit* and pay, each of them, to the uſe of the *Poor* of this *Corporation*, the ſum of *ſix ſhillings* and *eight pence*.

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It is further order'd, that the *Mate*, *Boatſwain*, *Gunner*, and *Carpenter* (or *two* of them at leaſt) do *conſtantly lye* on board, whilſt the *S*hip ſhall have any goods remaining in her; or ſhall *forfeit* and pay (each of them) for every ſuch *neglect*, to the uſe of of the *Poor* of this *Corporation*, the ſum of *five ſhillings*.

I V.

The Penalty of taking or keeping Powder aboard, but at ſuch times and Places.

Item, Whereas by reaſon of *Powder* being taken aboard Ships before their *departure* out of the River of *Thames*, and by being kept aboard at their *Return* in the time of their unlading, as alſo by the *heating of Pitch*, *Tar*, *Rozine*, *Greaſe*, *Tallow*, *Oyl*, &c. aboard Ships, there

there hath often happened great *Loſſes* by *Fire* to *Merchants* and *Owners*.

It is Order'd, That no *Ship outward bound* do receive on board any *Powder* either for *Merchandize*, or *ſtore* for the Voyage, before ſhe ſhall be at or below *Blackwall*, and not there till within *twenty four hours* before ſhe ſhall ſet ſail from thence to *Graveſend*; and that every Ship *homeward bound* do *put aſhore* her *Powder* as aforeſaid, at or before her arrival at *Blackwall*, and that within *twenty four hours* (if the Weather ſhall permit) after her coming to an *Anchor* there, or at the place of her unloading; upon

the *penalty* of the *Maſter* of every ſuch ſhips, *forfeiting* and paying to the uſe of the *Poor* of this *Corporation*, for every time ſo offending, the ſum of *five pounds*.

The Penalty of heating Pitch, Tar, *&c. but in ſuch a manner.*

That the *Maſter* of every Ship or Veſſel (being within the River of *Thames*) do take care not to ſuffer any manner of *Pitch*, *Tar*, *Rozine*, *Greaſe*, *Tallow*, *Oyl*, or the like to be *heated* on board by *Fire*, *Loggerhead*, *Shot*, or any other thing, but that it be done, as often as there may be occaſion, either upon the *ſhore*, or in a *Boat*, being *afloat*; upon the *penalty* of *three pounds* to be paid as aforeſaid.

That

That all *Maſters* of Ships do take care in the *drying* their *Bread-rooms*, to appoint able and *careful* men for doing the ſame, and not to *dry* them in the *night*, or keep any *Fire* therein in the *night time*; upon the *penalty* of *five pounds* to be paid as aforeſaid. *How Bread Rooms to be dry'd, and the Penalty of not obſerving the ſame.*

V.

Item, It is ordered that the *Maſter* of every Ship homeward bound do *unſhot* all his *Guns* before, or ſo ſoon as he ſhall arrive at *Graveſend*; upon the *penalty* of *twenty Nobles*, to be paid to the uſe of the *Poor* of this *Corporation*. *The Penalty of keeping Guns ſhotted.*

And that no *Maſter* of a Ship being *above Blackwall* do pre- *The Penalty of firing Guns in the Night time.*

ſume to *Fire* any *Guns* before *Sun riſing*, or after *Sun ſetting*; upon the *penalty* of *ten ſhillings* for each *Gun* ſo fired, to be paid as aforeſaid.

V I.

The Penalty of Maſters for ſuffering Bumboats to come aboard.

Item, Whereas by reaſon of *Dirtboats*, otherwiſe called *Bumboats*, their carrying *Fruit*, *Wine*, *Strongwaters*, *&c.* to ſell to *ſhipkeepers* and others aboard *S*hips, there is much wrong done to the *Owners*, by the *purloyning* of *Cordage*, and other materials. It is order'd, that all *Maſters* of *S*hips, for the preventing of the evils aforeſaid, do from henceforth take care that *themſelves*, their *Officers* and *Servants*, do not permit

mit any ſuch *Boats* to come on board their *S*hips, or that they *buy* or *ſell* any thing with them.

That they alſo do take care that their men do put the *Dirt* of their *S*hips, as there may be occaſion, into their *own Boats* at *ſeaſonable* hours in the *day*, and do carry and lay it *on ſhore* above *high-water-mark*; and that they do not ſuffer any *Dirt* or *Filth* to be thrown over board into the *River*; and in caſe of any of the aforeſaid *neglects*, the *Maſter* ſhall *forfeit* and pay for *each* of the ſame, to the uſe of the *Poor* of this *Corporation*, the ſum of *twenty ſhillings*.

Of not carrying and laying aſhore their Dirt *in proper time and Place.*

Of throwing their Dirt *into the River.*

Item

VII.

The Penalty of taking in or heaving out Ballaſt without a Port Sail.

Item, It is order'd, that no *Maſter* do ſuffer to be *taken in*, or *heav'd out* of his Ship any *Ballaſt*, without having a *ſail* nail'd to the *ſell* of the *Port* or (if a ſmall Veſſel) to the *Gunnel*, to over hang the ſide of the *Lighter*; upon the *penalty* of *twenty ſhillings*, to be paid to the uſe of the *Poor* of this *Corporation* for his every time ſo offending.

VIII.

The Penalty of hindring the Officer of the Trinity-Houſe, from coming on board to ſearch for Powder, &c.

Item, It is order'd that whatſoever *Maſter*, either by himſelf, his *Officers* or *Seamen*, ſhall at any time *refuſe* or hinder any *perſon* appointed by this *Corporation* (and upon demand ſhewing his *Authority* under the

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common Seal thereof) from coming *on board* his Ship in the *day time*, to *ſearch* for any *Powder*, *Guns unſhotted*, *heating* of *Pitch*, *Tar*, *Rozine*, *Greaſe*, *Tallow*, *Oyl*, and the like, the careleſs or unſeaſonable *drying* of *Bread-Rooms*, the ſuffering *Bumboats* to come aboard and to *Traffique* with them, or to enquire into any other *Offences* there committed againſt the *Orders* of this *Houſe*; He ſhall *forfeit* and pay to the *Poor* thereof, for his every time ſo *offending*, the ſum of *five pounds*.

IX.

The Penalty of any Brothers Petitioning about any general Sea-Cauſe, without the conſent of Trinity-Houſe.

Forasmuch as certain *Members* of this *Corporation* have heretofore partly of themſelves,

and partly at the requeſt of others, very diſorderly and very indiſcreetly *preferr'd Bills*, *Petitions*, and other writings, to the high *Court* of *Parliament*, and to other *inferiour Juriſdictions*, in the Name of *Seamen in General*, without making the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, acquainted therewith, to the great *detriment* and *ſcandal* of the *Corporation*; for *preventing* thereof for the time to come, it is order'd, that if any (being *Members* of this *Corporation*) ſhall at any time hereafter *do* or *attempt* the like matters as aforeſaid, or ſhall *ſet their hands* to any *Bill*, *Petition*, or other writing, concerning any *General*

ral Sea-Cauſe, without the *conſent* of the *Maſter*, *Wardens*, and *Aſſiſtants*, thereto firſt had and obtain'd; every ſuch perſon ſhall *forfeit* and pay for every ſuch *Offence* to the uſe of the *Poor* of this *Corporation* the ſum of *five pounds*.

X.

Orders for the good Government of Sea-men on ſhip-board.

Item, *For the better regulating and Government of Sea-men and Mariners, it is Order'd*,

The Penalty of Swearing or Blaſpheming.

That if any *Mariner* (whilſt on Ship-board) ſhall *Swear*, *Curſe*, or *Blaſpheme* the Name of *God*; he ſhall *forfeit* and pay for every ſuch Offence *one ſhilling*, the ſame to be put into the *Poors Box* remaining on board the ſaid Ship, for the uſe of

of the *Poor* of this *Corporation.*

Lying on ſhore without Leave.

If any *Seaman* (whether *Officer* or other) after he ſhall be *hired* to ſerve in any Ship, ſhall at any time *lye on ſhore* during the Term of the Voyage, without *leave* firſt had from the *Maſter* or chief *Officer* on board; he ſhall *forfeit* and pay for every ſuch offence to the ſaid *Poors Box, half a Crown.*

Abſence from Prayers.

If any *Mariner* whether *Officer* or other, being in perfect health, ſhall *abſent* himſelf from *Prayers* (being perform'd according to the *Liturgy* of the *Church* of *England*), or ſhall not immediately after the *Ring* of the *Bell*, or other publick notice, repair thereunto; He ſhall

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forfeit and pay, for his every time ſo neglecting, to the ſaid Poors Box, *ſix pence*.

If any *Mariner* ſhall be *Drunk*; he ſhall *forfeit* and pay, for every ſuch offence, to the ſaid Poors Box, *one ſhilling*. *Drunkenneſs.*

If any *Mariner* ſhall be obſtinate and ſtubborn, in not *obeying* the *Maſters* lawful *Commands*, or the *Mate* or *Boatſwains* in his abſence; he ſhall *forfeit* and pay, for every ſuch Offence, to the ſaid Poors Box, *half his months Pay*. *Diſobedience.*

But upon any perſons being found to *offend* againſt any of the above mentioned Orders in this Law mentioned, it ſhall be left to the *liberty* of the *Maſter* *At the Liberty of the* Maſter *either to inflict* Corporal *Puniſhment, or take the Penalties aforeſaid.*

Maſter or *Commander* of the the Ship, with the advice and conſent of the *Mates*, *Boatſwain*, *Purſer*, *Gunner*, and *Carpenter*, or *Major* part of them, either to inflict *Corporal Puniſhment* according to the cuſtome of the Seas, or receive and take the *penalties* hereby impoſed for the breach of the aforeſaid *Laws*; and if it ſhall happen that the ſaid perſon or perſons have not preſent *mony* to ſatisfie what is Ordered to be paid for any ſuch *Offences*, then it is required that he or they *ſubſcribe* their Names to the *Maſter*, or *Purſers Book*, thereby ſignifying their *Conſent* that the ſaid forfeitures may be *defalked* out of their *Wages* the next

next *Pay day* following.

XI.

The Penalty of a Seaman's deſerting one Maſter, and ſhipping himſelf with another.

Item, It is Order'd, That if any *Mariner* or Seaman, having *ſhip'd* himſelf with any *Maſter* for a Voyage, ſhall afterwards *deſert* and leave him, and ſhip himſelf with another, that *Maſter* with whom he goeth the Voyage ſhall (upon notice given on behalf of this *Corporation*) detain *two ſhillings* in every pound of the *Wages* of the ſaid *Mariner*, or Seaman, for the time he ſerveth in his Ship, to be paid to this *Corporation* for the uſe of the *Poor* thereof.

XII.

Item, It is Order'd, that every

The Maſter to make an agreement in writing with every Seaman he ſhall entertain.

every *Commander* of Ship, *hireing* any *Mariner* or Seaman, to ſail with him upon any Voyage to Sea, do take in *writing* under the ſaid *Seamans hand*, upon what *conditions* he is entertained; and that he doth *ſubmit* himſelf to the *By-Laws* of *Trinity-Houſe*.

ALL *which ſaid* Acts, Ordinances *and* Conſtitutions *in manner and form aforeſaid, We* George *Lord* Jefferyes, Baron *of* Wem, *Lord high* Chancellour *of* England, *Sir* Robert Wright *Kt. Lord* Chief Juſtice *of the* Pleas *before his* Majeſty *to be holden, and Sir* Edward Herbert *Kt.*

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Lord Chief Juſtice *of his Majeſties* Court *of* Common Pleas, *at the requeſt of the* Maſter, Wardens, *and* Aſſiſtants, *and* Elder Brethren *of the ſaid* Corporation, *by Authority and Vertue of an* Act *of* Parliament, *made in the nineteenth year of the* Reign *of* King Henry *the* Seventh *for that purpoſe, have Seen, Read, Examined and Peruſed, and for good, lawful, and laudable* Ordinances, Conſtitutions *and* By-Laws, *ſo far as we lawfully may, do* Allow *and* Approve *by theſe preſents. In* Witneſs *whereof We have hereunto* Subſcribed *our Names, and ſet our* Seals, *the four and twentieth day of* June, *in the year of our* Lord

Lord God One thouſand ſix hundred Eighty Seven.

Jefferies C. *R. Wright. Edw. Herbert.*